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PART 4 OF 4

JULIAN,
SON OF IVO
PREPARE TO BE
FINISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S
THAT'S FOR
CERTAIN!

OOOF!

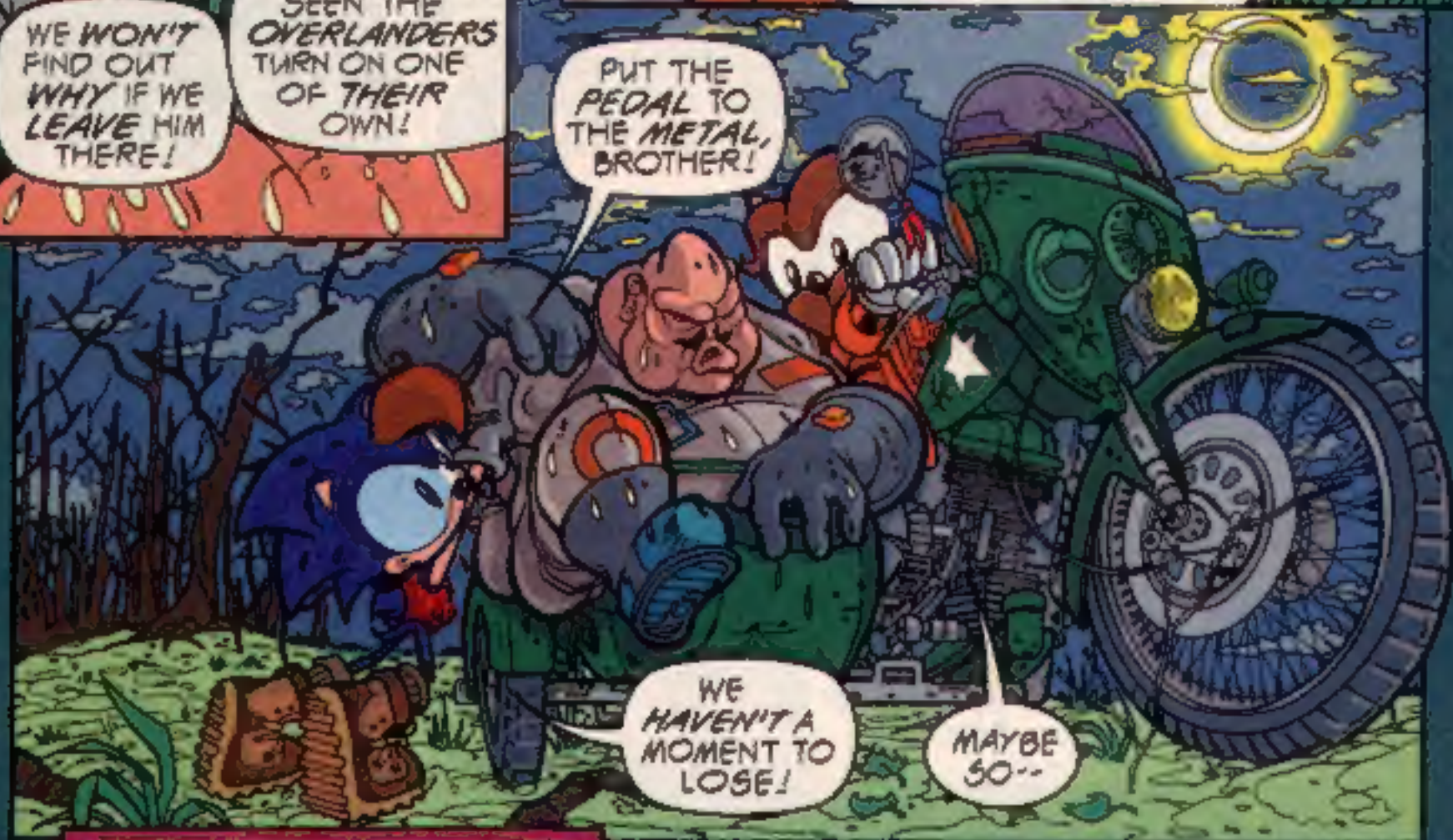
SPASH

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

THIS
WAY!

BUB
BUB
BUB



"--BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!"



--AS MY PEOPLE RELY MORE ON THEIR SIZE TO INTIMIDATE THEIR OPPONENTS, THEY'RE ACTUALLY QUITE VULNERABLE TO A DIRECT ATTACK--

--ESPECIALLY WHEN OUTNUMBERED!

SINCE YOU KNOW THEIR WEAKNESSES BEST--



"~IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

THE-MONITOR-
READINGS-ARE-
SHOWING-THE-
DOCTOR-MORE-
EXCITED-THAN-
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-
A-REALY-GOOD
DREAM!

CRUSH
THEM
ALL!!!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO
AWAKEN-HIM, CARE-
TO-DO-THE-
HONORS?

The Big Goodbye

LISTEN UP, KNUX!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING FRAMED!

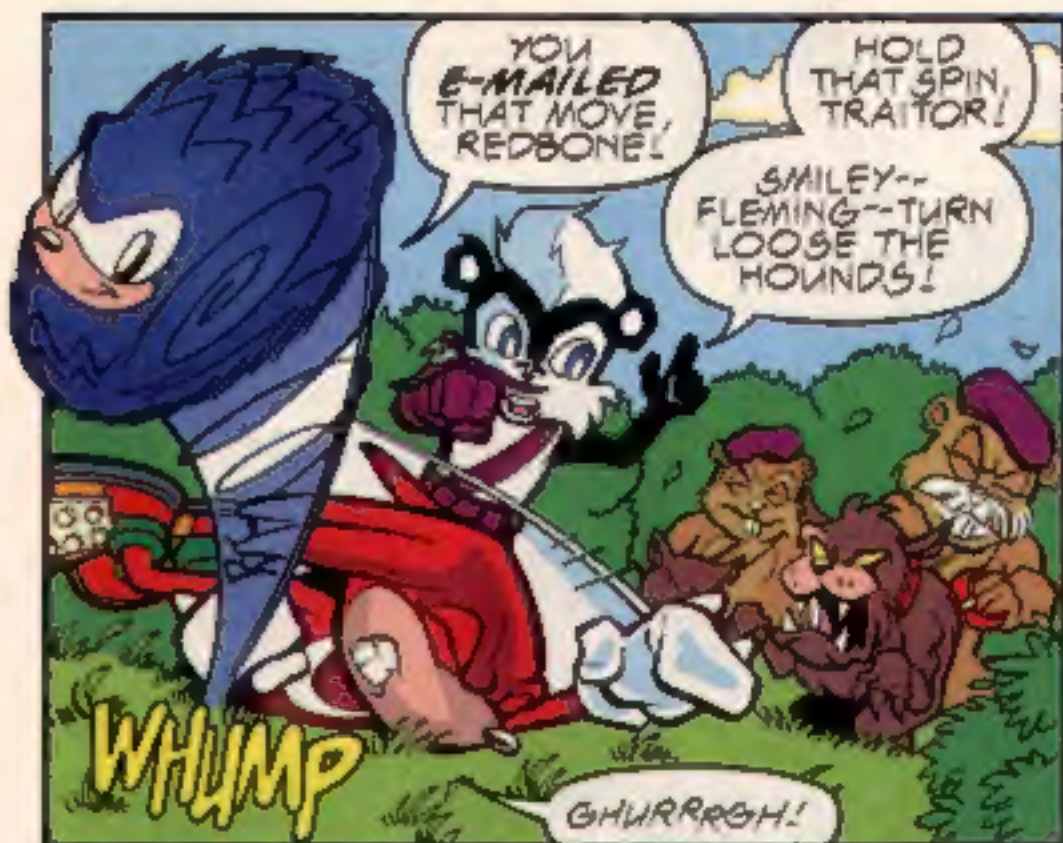
AS PERSONAL GUARD
TO KING ACORN OF MOBIUS,
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND
YOU TO HELP ME BRING
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO JUSTICE!

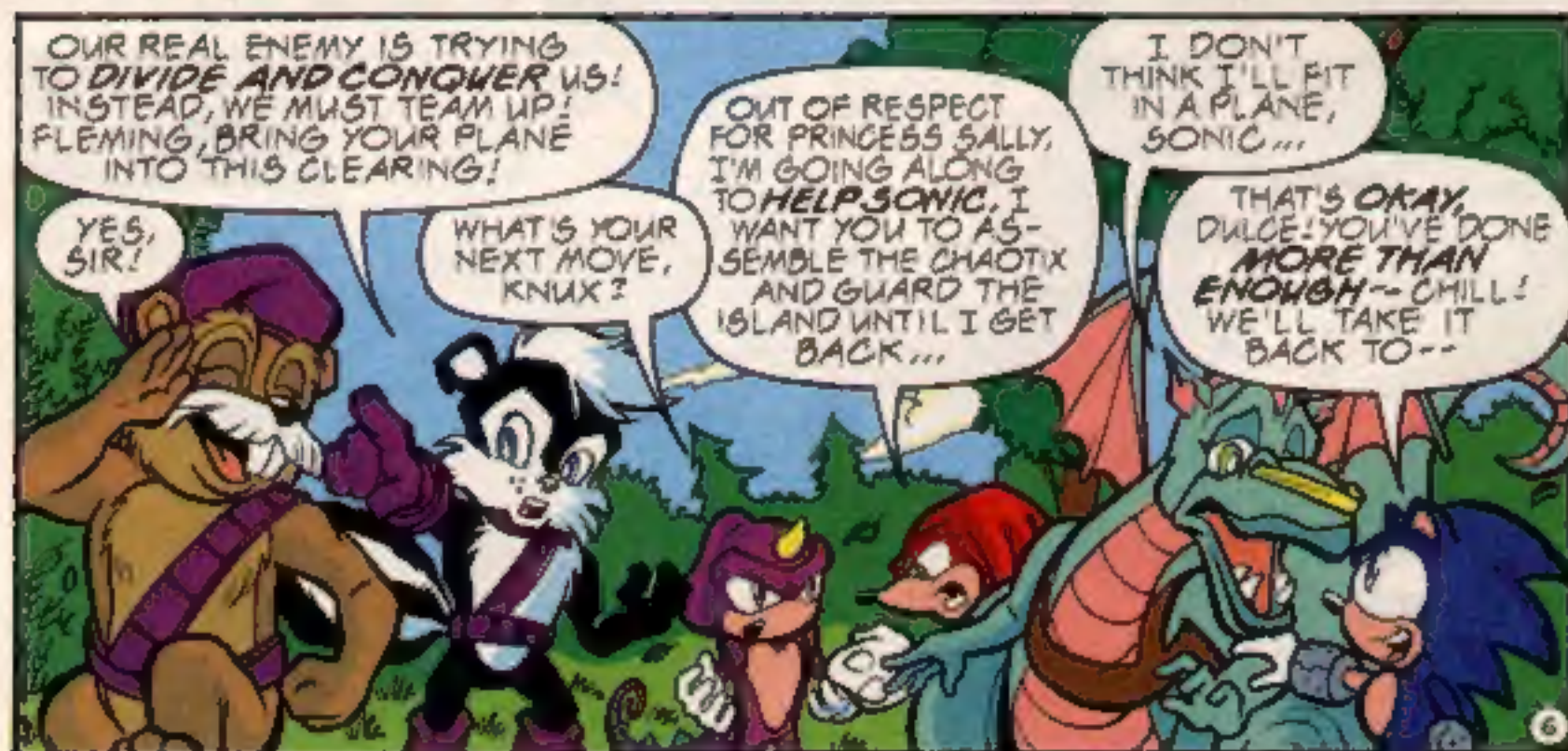
WHAT?!
PUH-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!

I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG!

YOU-WILL-
ALL-BE-
ROBOTICIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY-IS
INEVITABLE--
ESCAPE-IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSPHERE AND THE
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

HOLY
ABALONE!

SLIP! THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

SURRENDER!
YOU ARE NOW
PRISONERS
OF--

"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

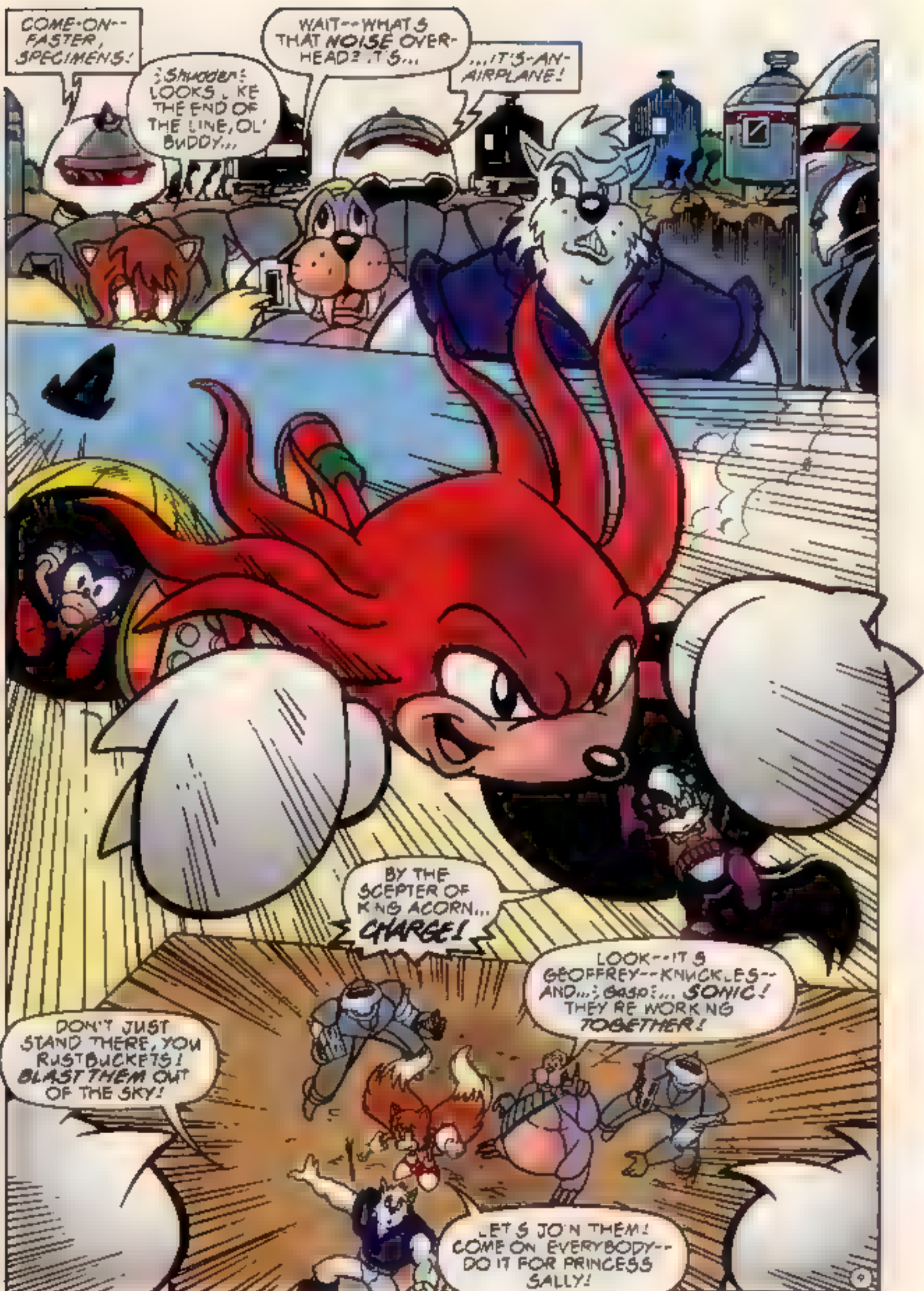
LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

AMMM... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW-- ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
KA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHA!



COME-ON--
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

SHADDEN:
LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER-
HEAD? IT'S...

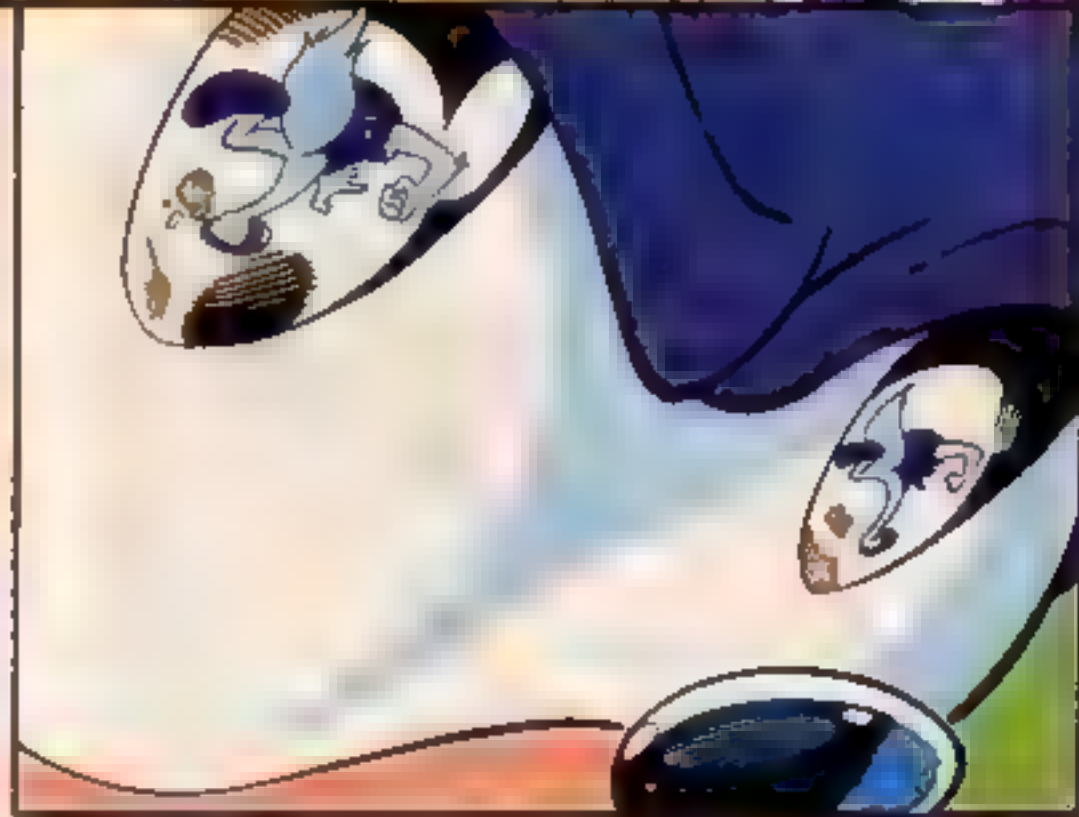
...IT'S-AN-
AIRPLANE!

BY THE
SCEPTER OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

LOOK--IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND...BARD...**SONIC!**
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

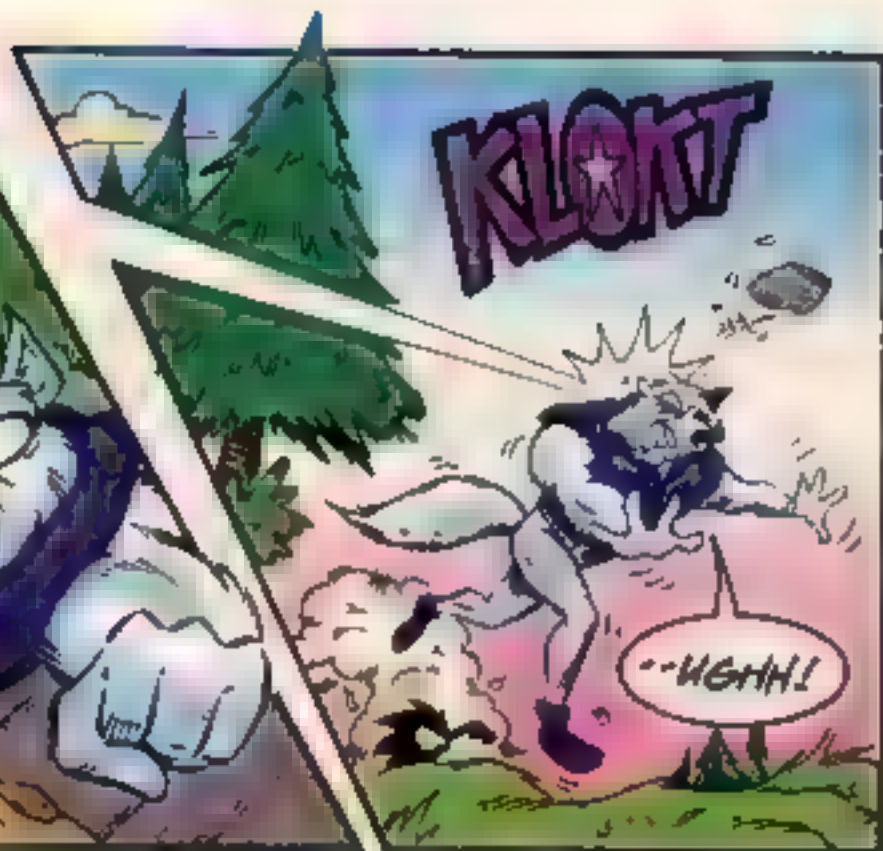
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!



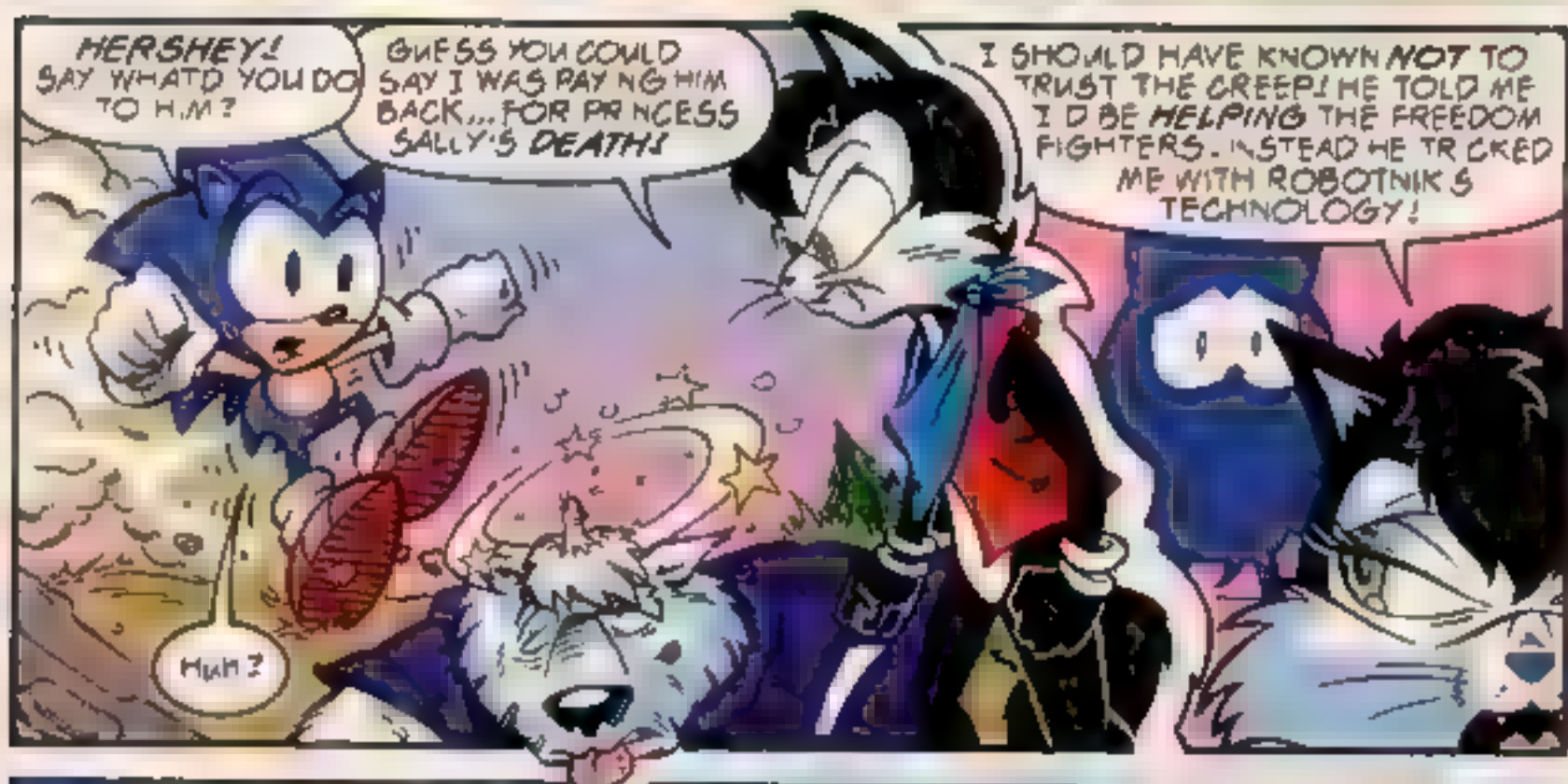


OH NO! HE'S
CATCHING UP! HE'S
CATCHING--



KLOOT

--UGHH!



HERSHEY!
SAY WHAT YOU DO
TO HIM?

GUESS YOU COULD
SAY I WAS PAYING HIM
BACK... FOR PRINCESS
SALLY'S DEATH!

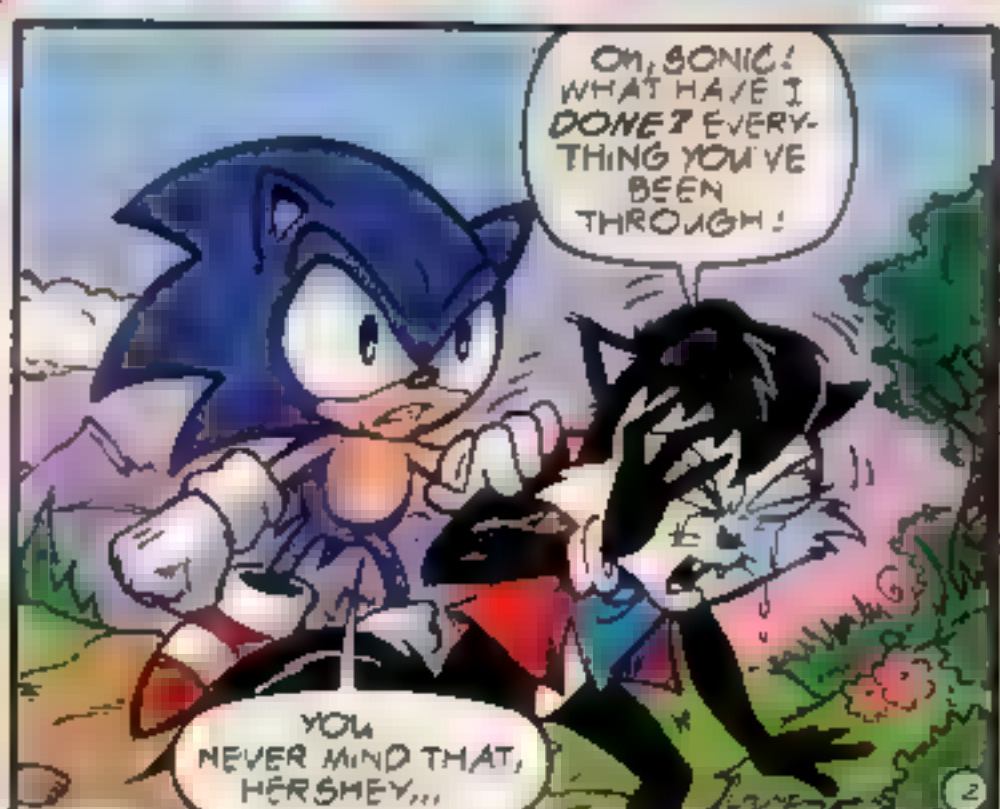
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOT TO
TRUST THE CREEP! HE TOLD ME
I'D BE HELPING THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS. INSTEAD HE TRICKED
ME WITH ROBOTNIK'S
TECHNOLOGY!

HUH?



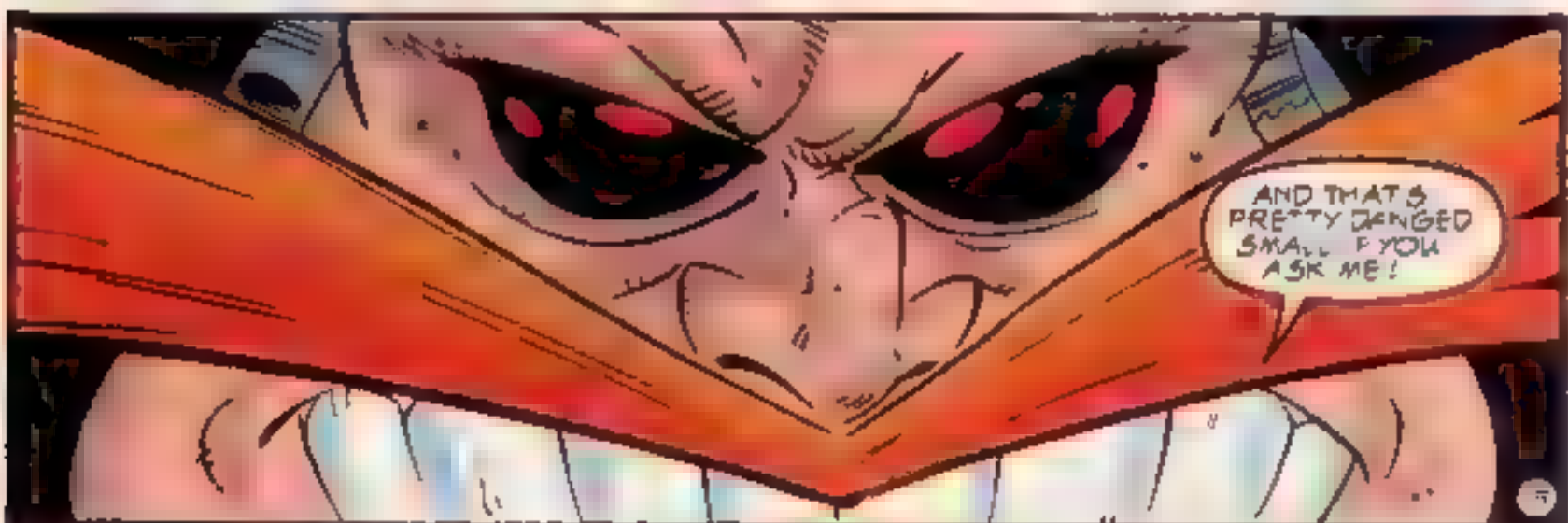
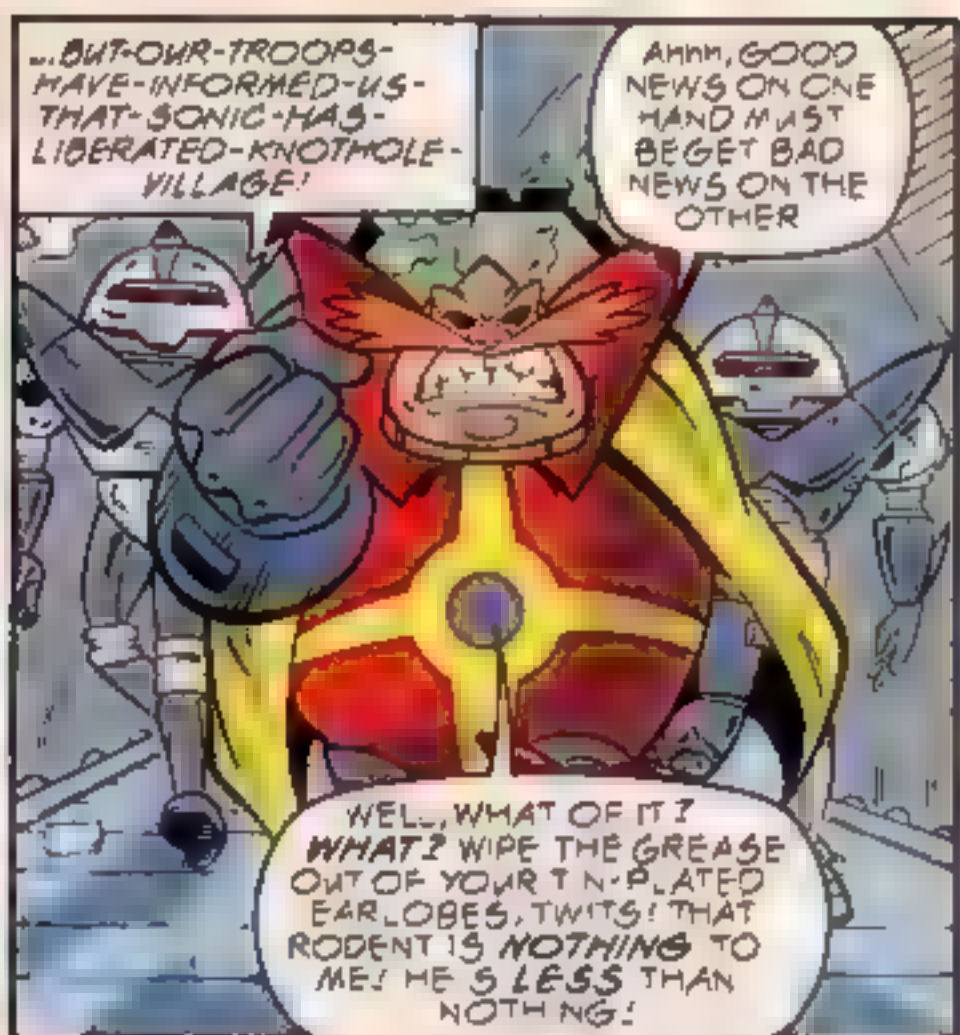
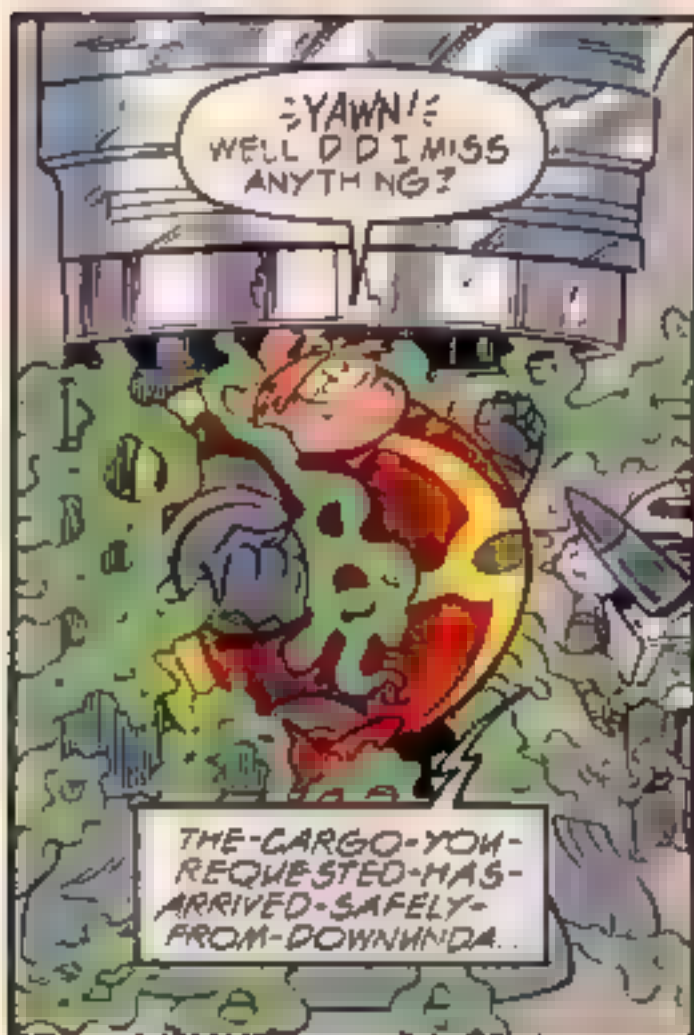
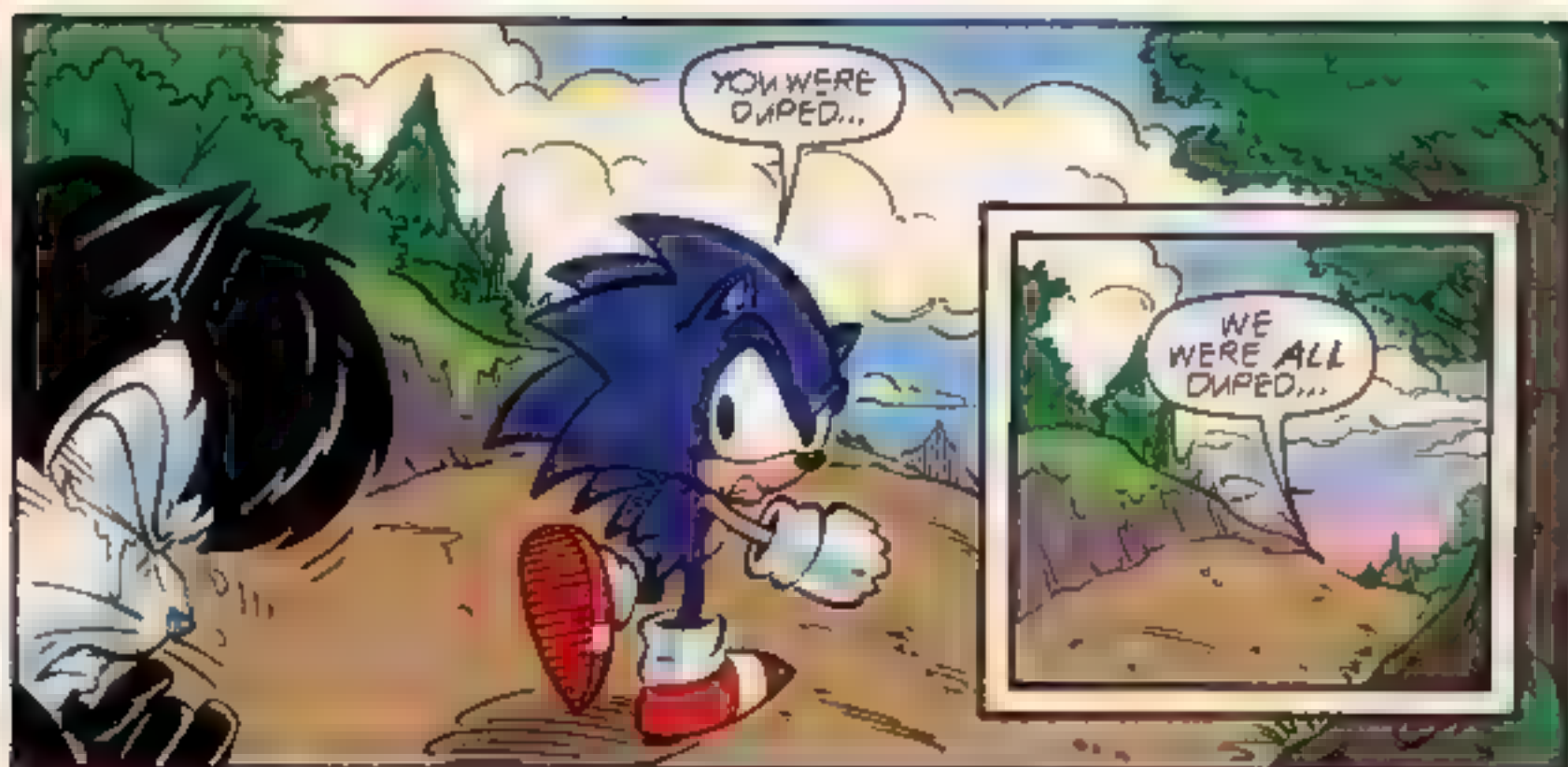
WHEN I CUT THAT
ROPE, SONIC, I THOUGHT
IT WAS SNIVELY WHO WAS
HANGING...

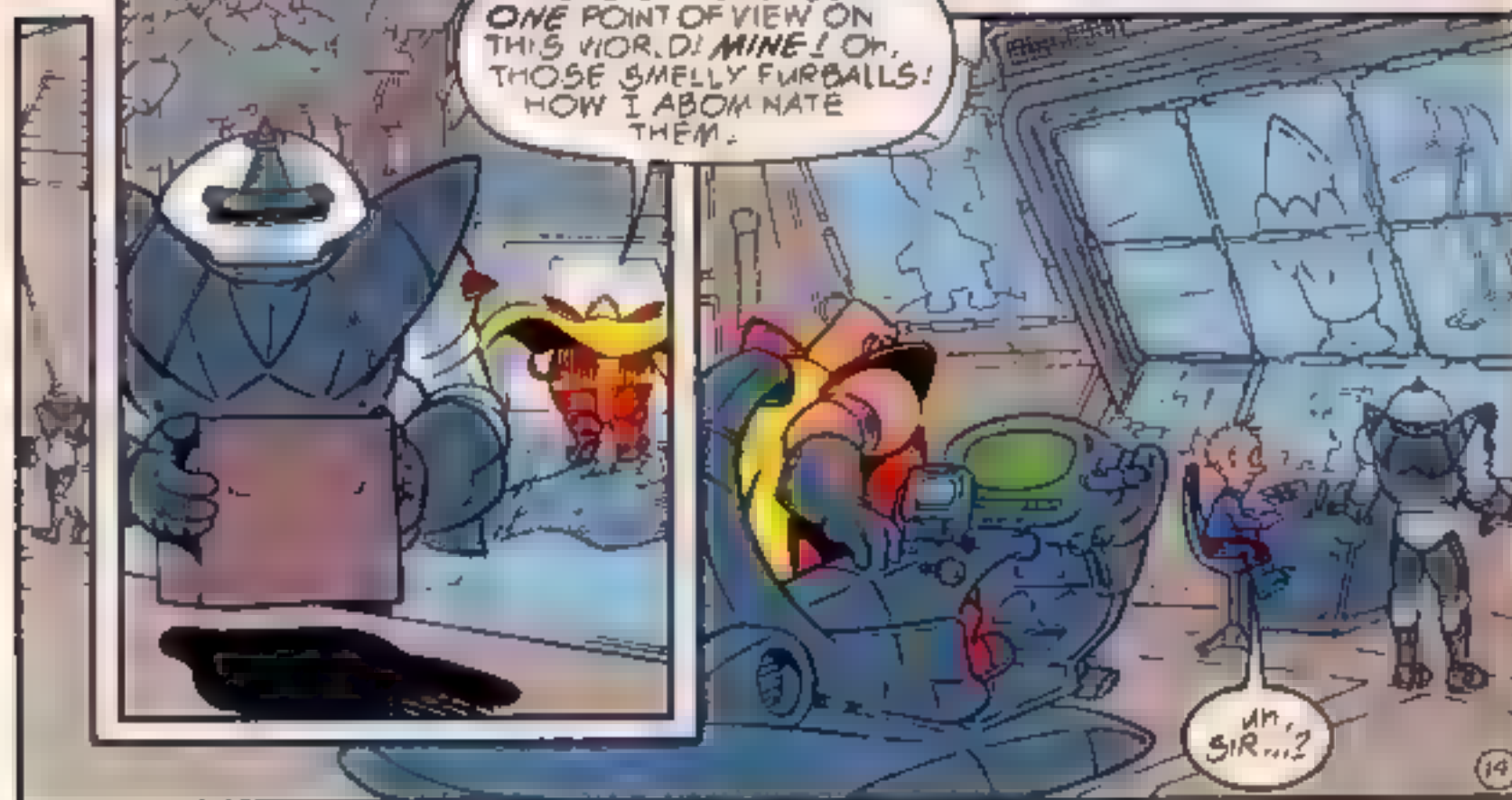
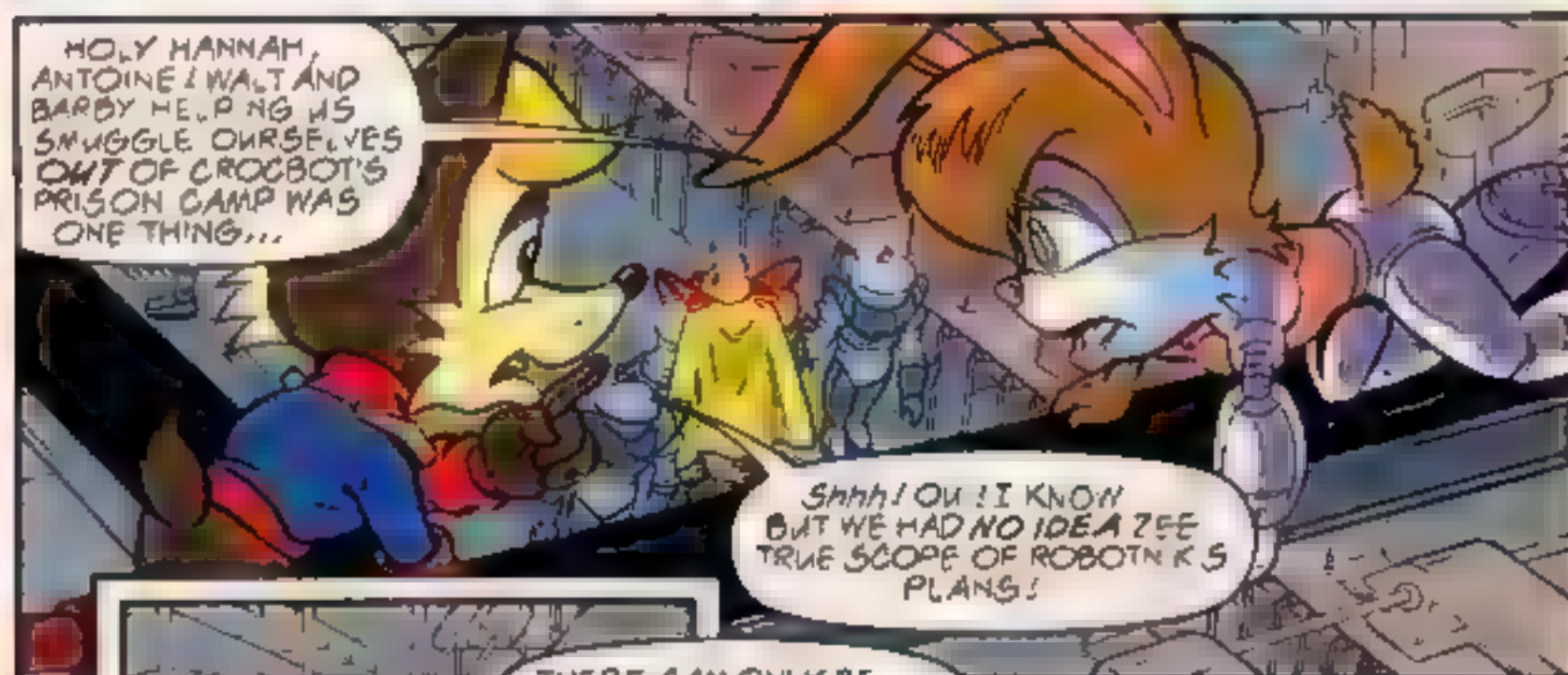
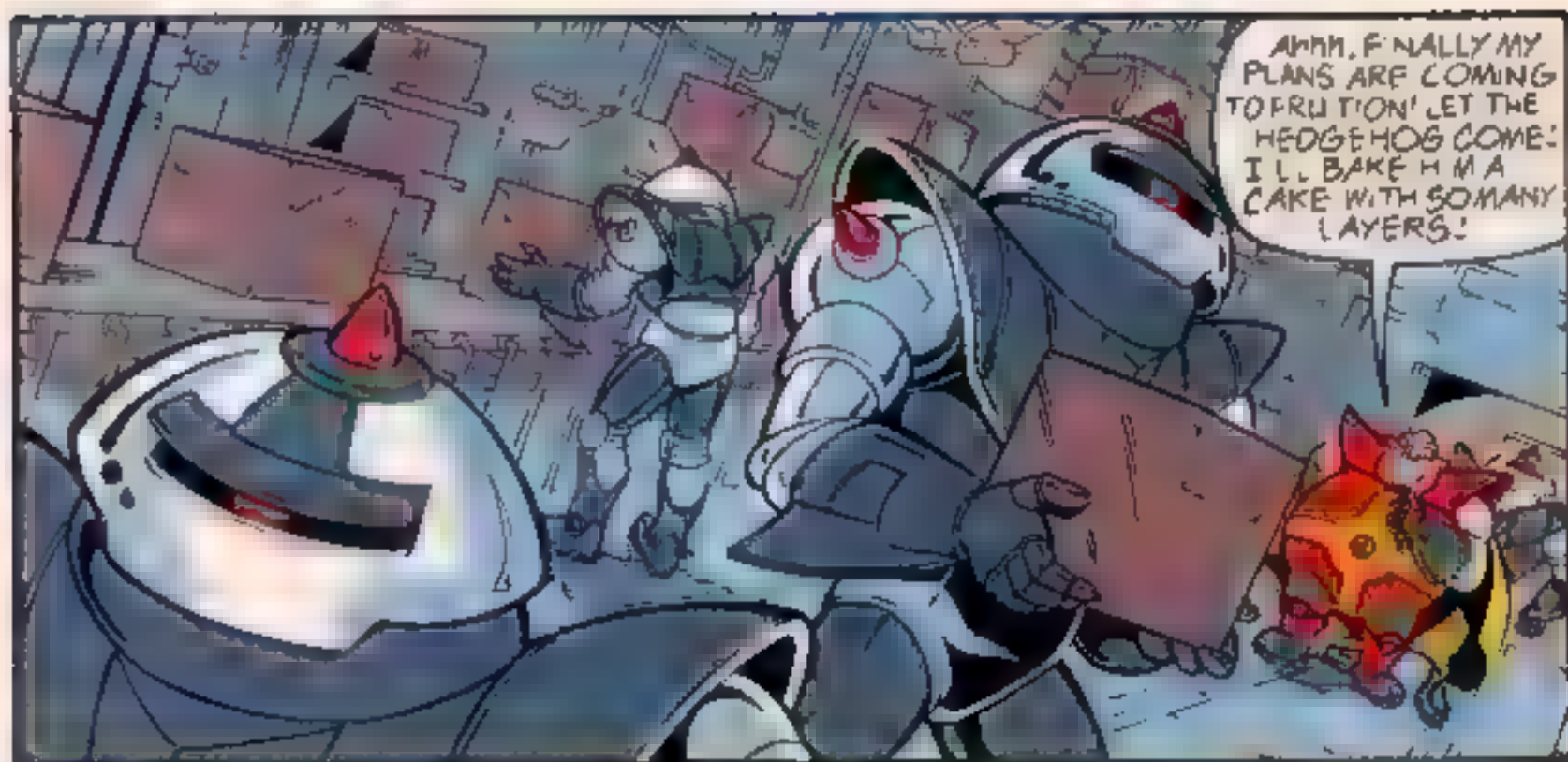
.. BUT IT
WAS REALLY
SALLY!

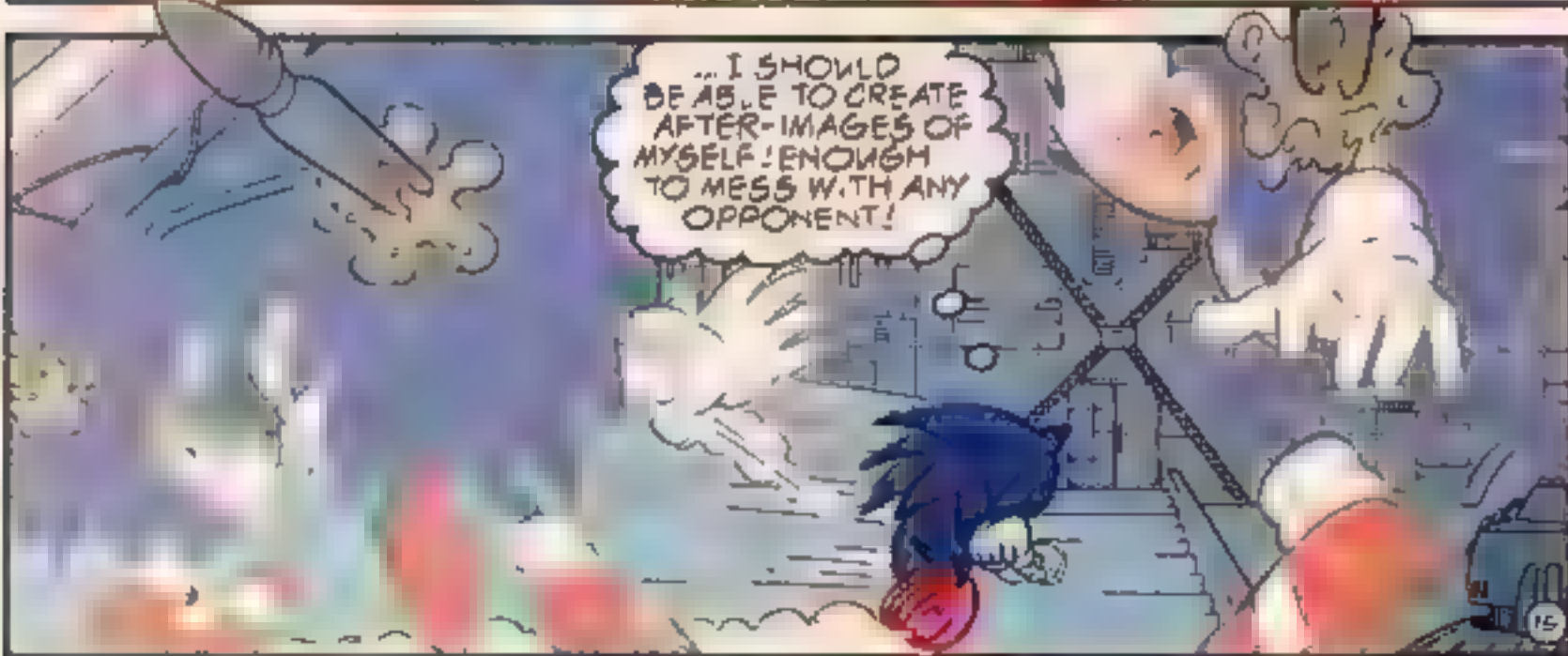
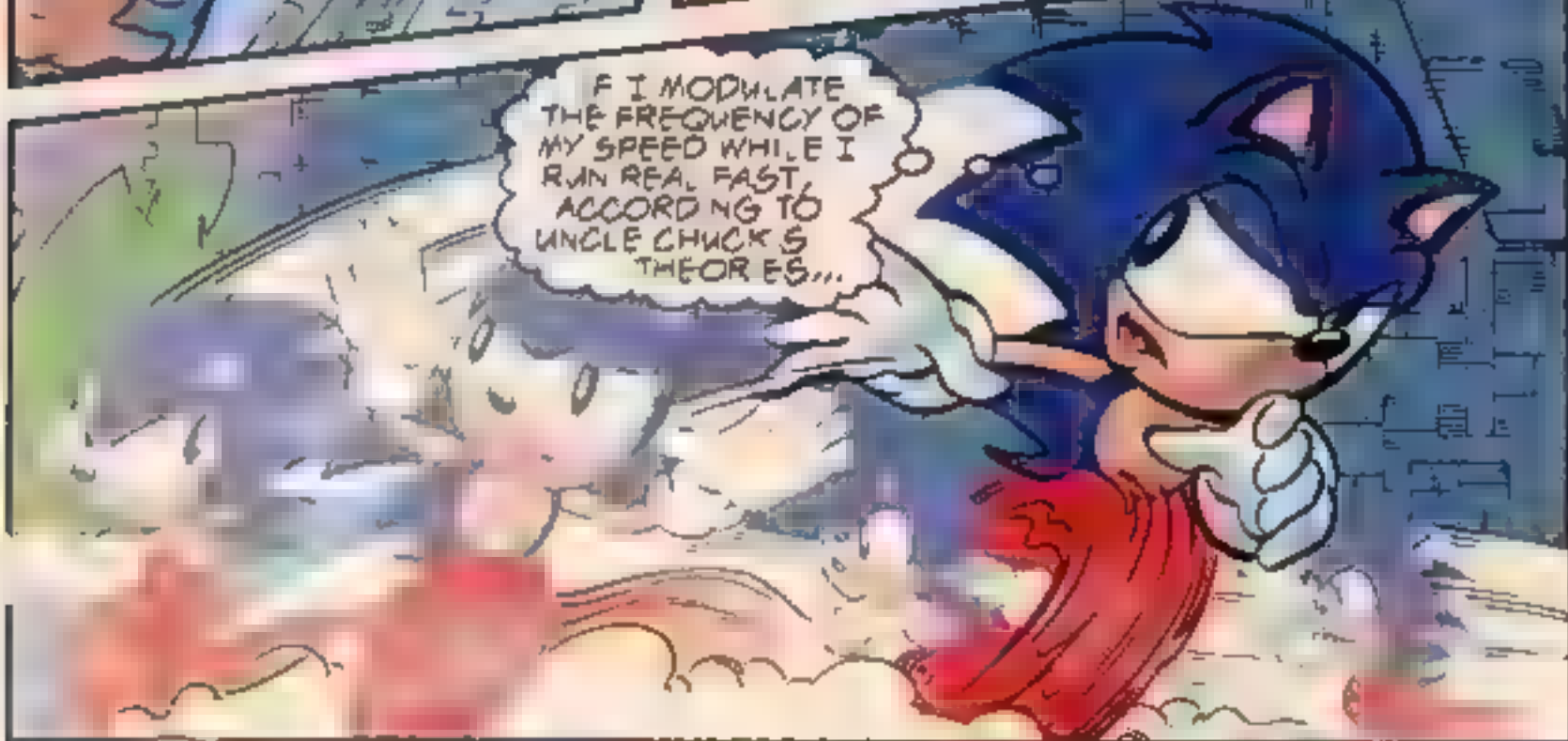
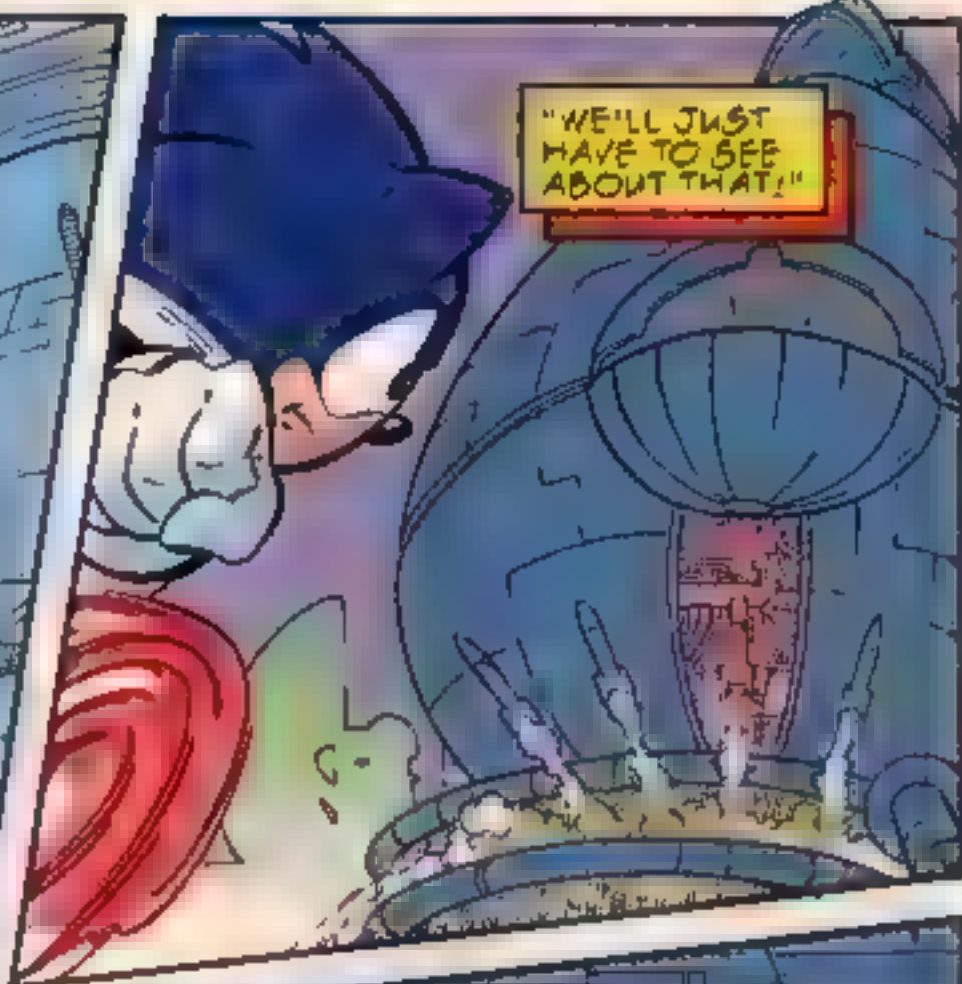
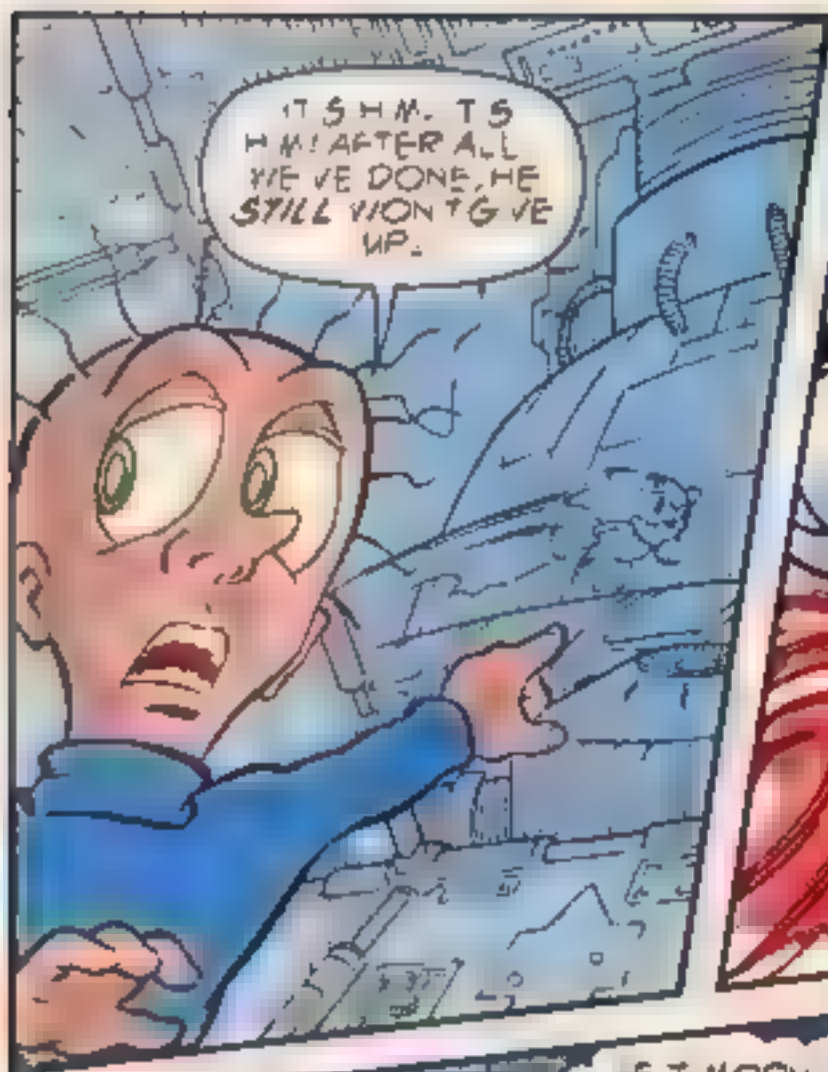


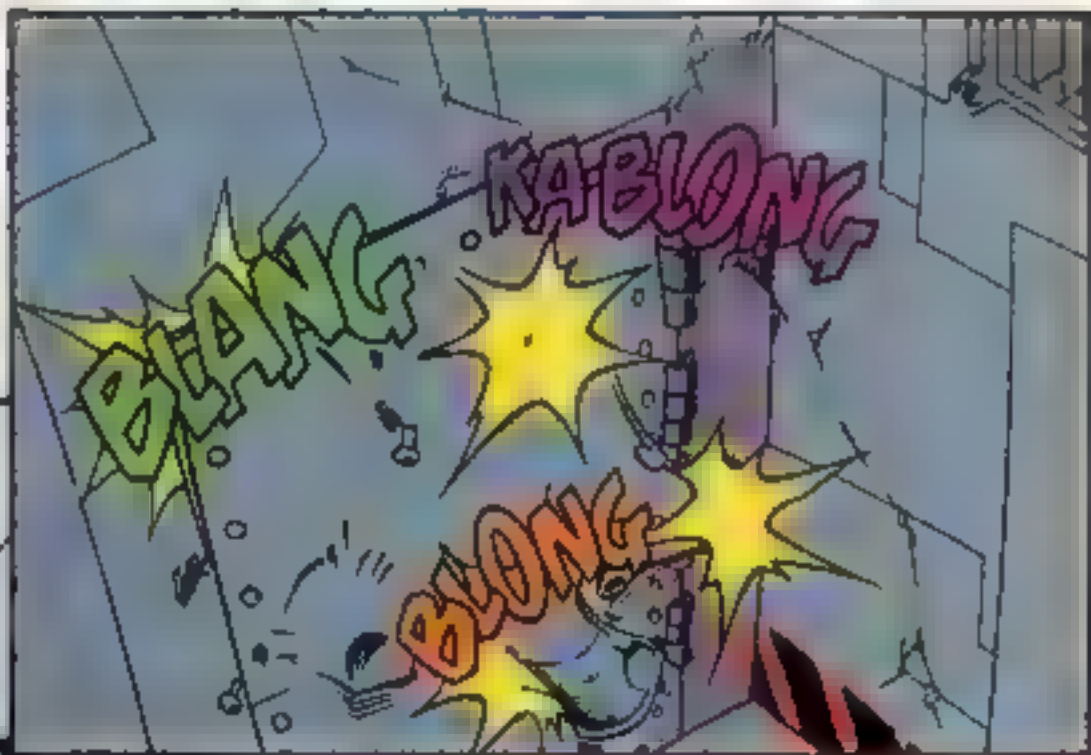
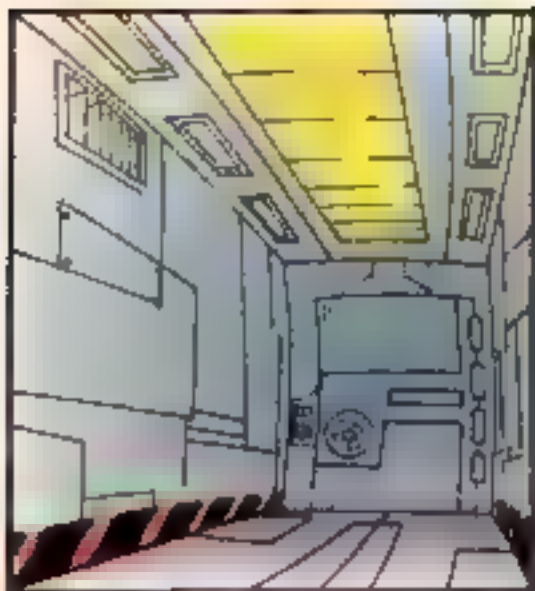
OH, SONIC!
WHAT HAVE I
DONE? EVERY-
THING YOU'VE
BEEN
THROUGH!

YOU
NEVER MIND THAT,
HERSHEY...

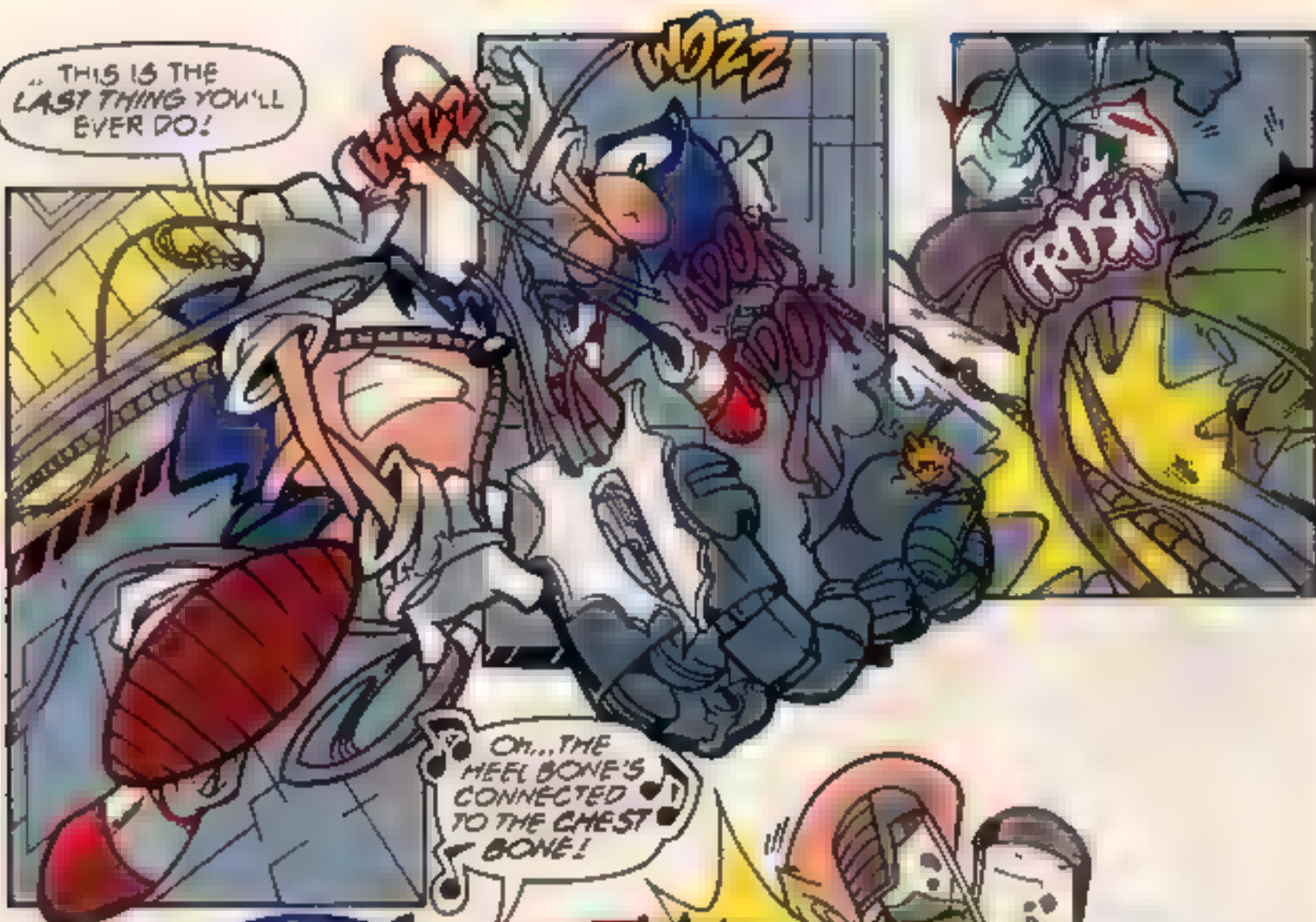








"THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!"



OH...THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!

CRACKK

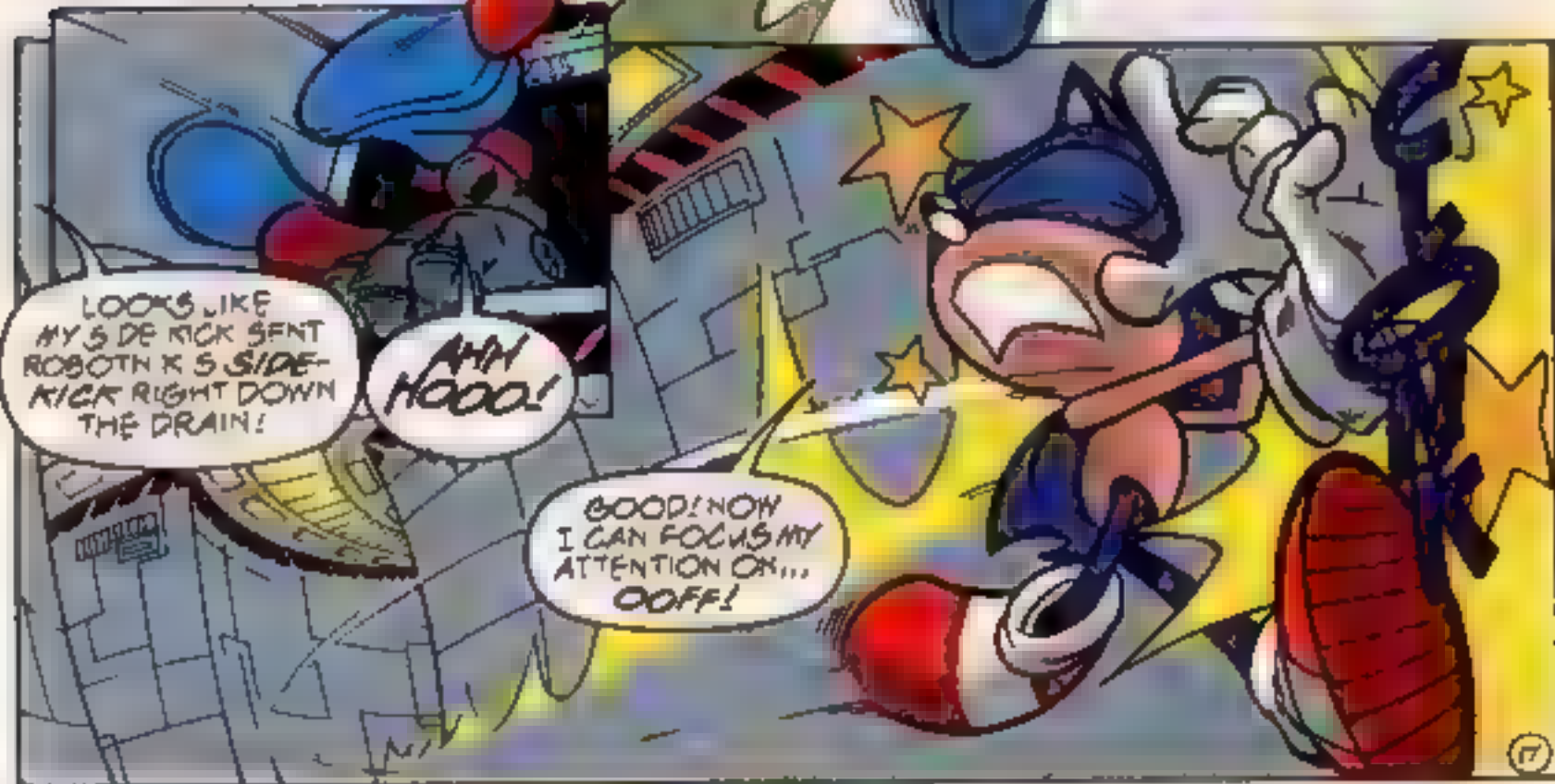
OH! OH! OH!
YOU HURT MY
STERNUM!

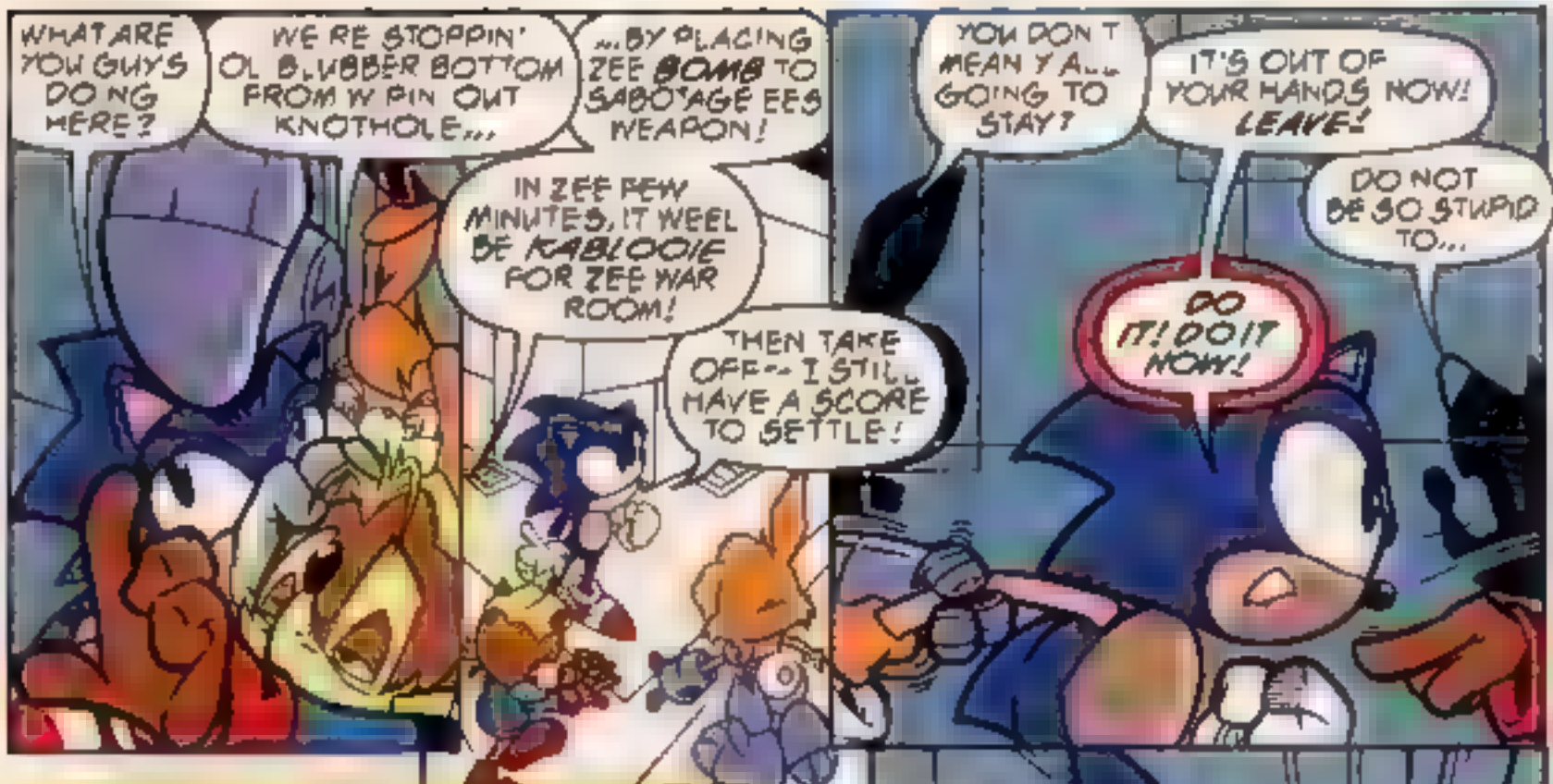


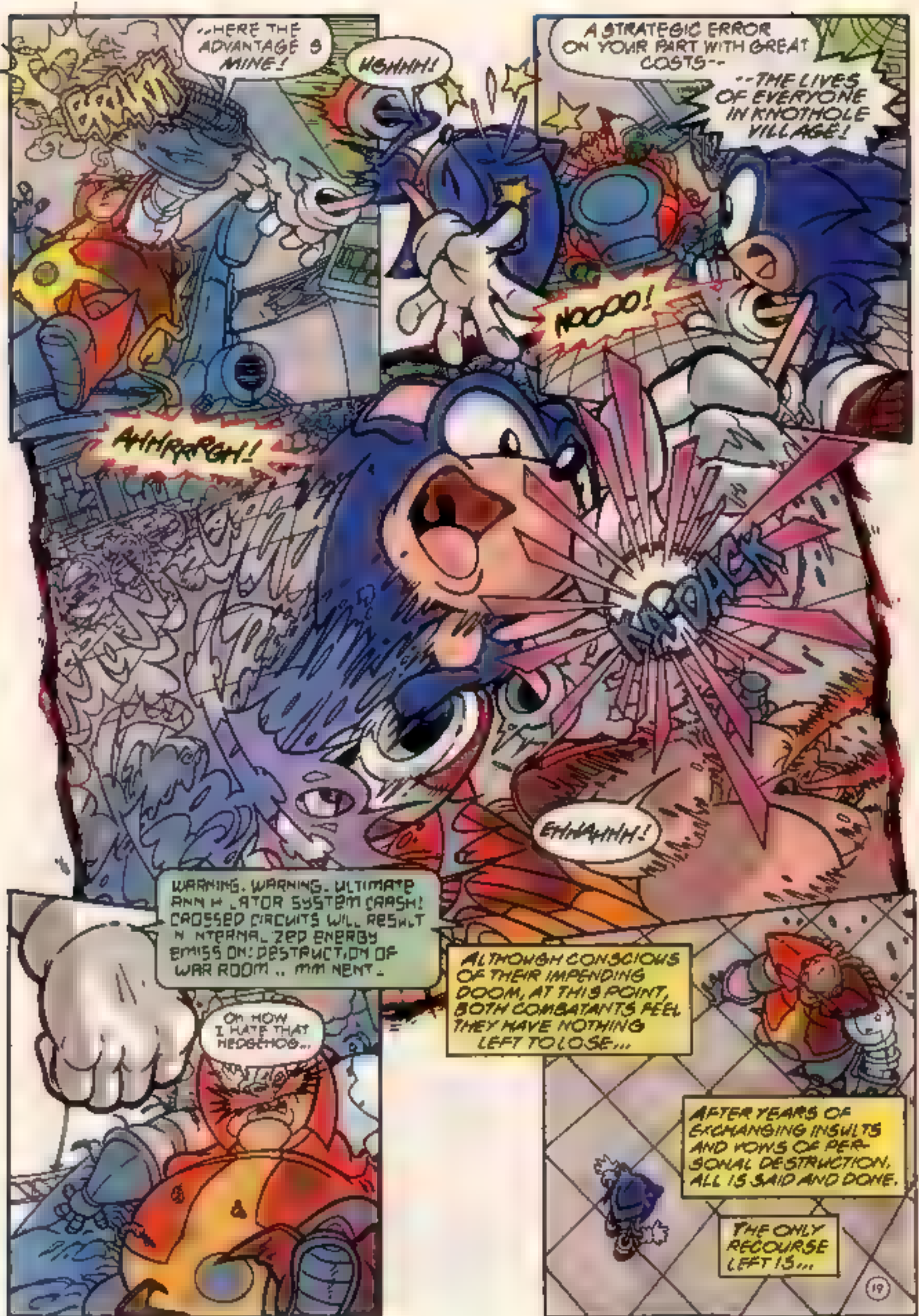
LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTN K'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN!

AHH
HOOO!

GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENTION ON...
OOFF!







...HERE THE
ADVANTAGE IS
MINE!

WONNNH!

A STRATEGIC ERROR
ON YOUR PART WITH GREAT
COSTS--

--THE LIVES
OF EVERYONE
IN KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

NOOOO!

AMRRRGGH!

KAPOW!

EHNNNNH!

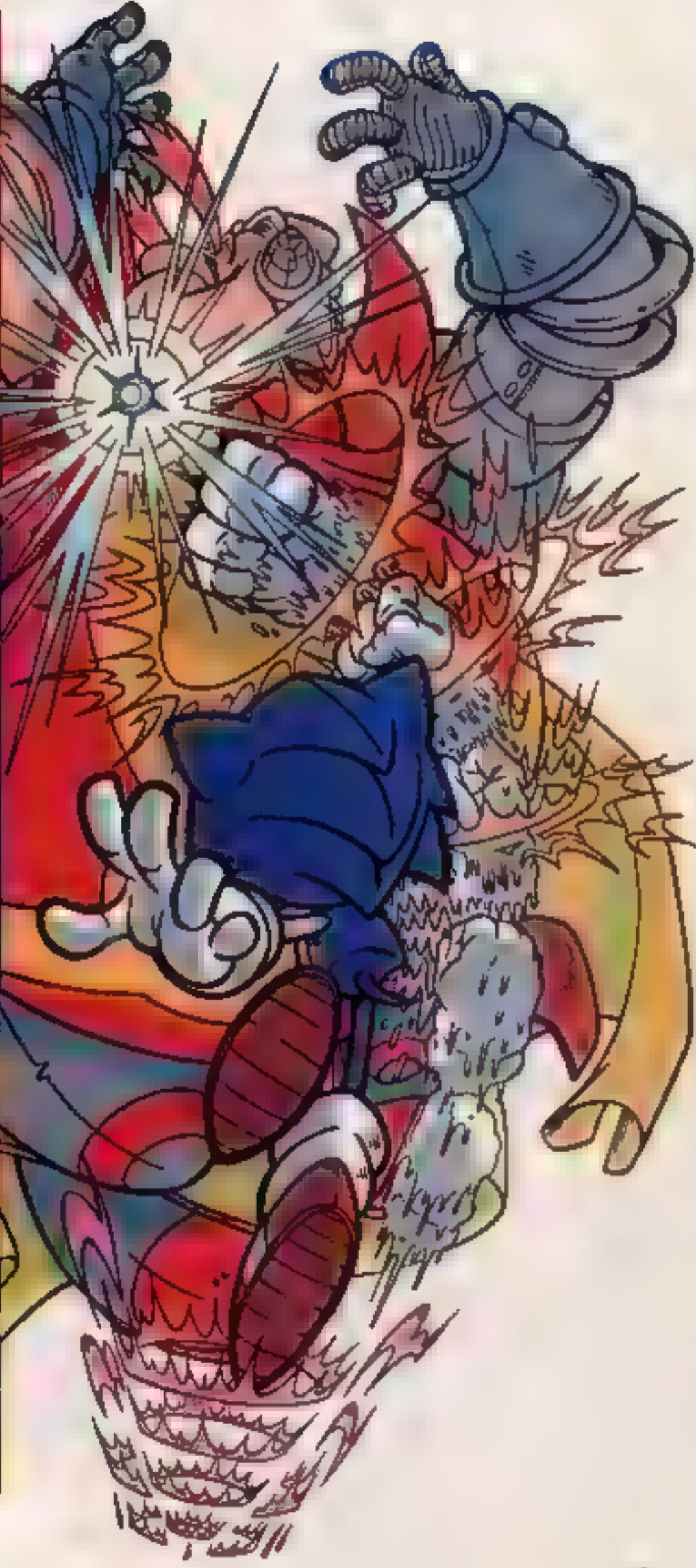
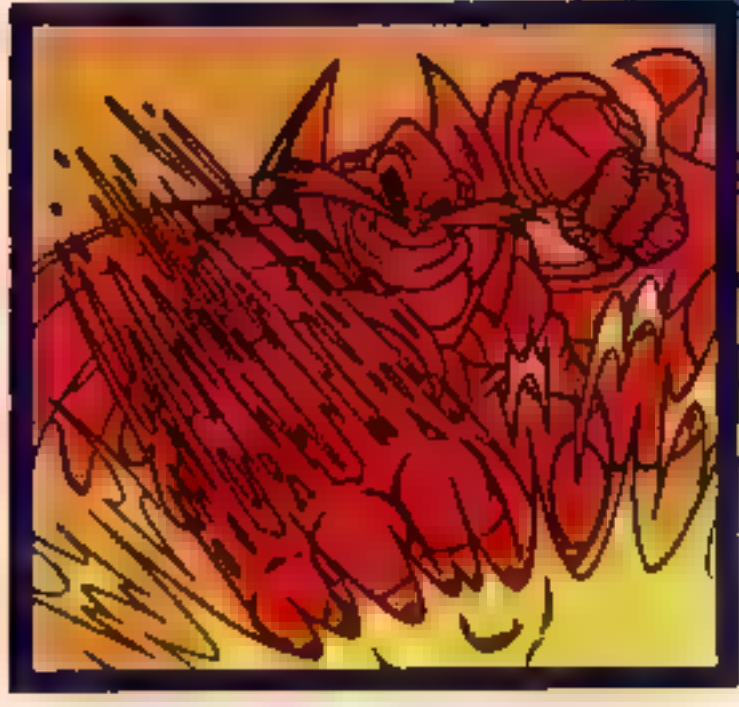
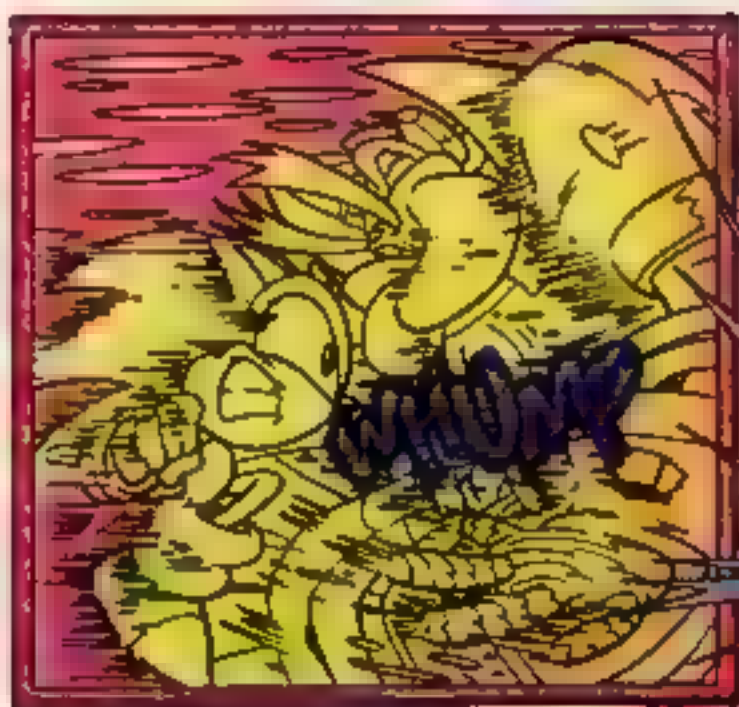
WARNING. WARNING. ULTIMATE
ANNULATOR SYSTEM CRASH!
CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL RESULT
IN INTERNAL ZEP ENERGY
EMISSION: DESTRUCTION OF
WAR ROOM... MM NENT...

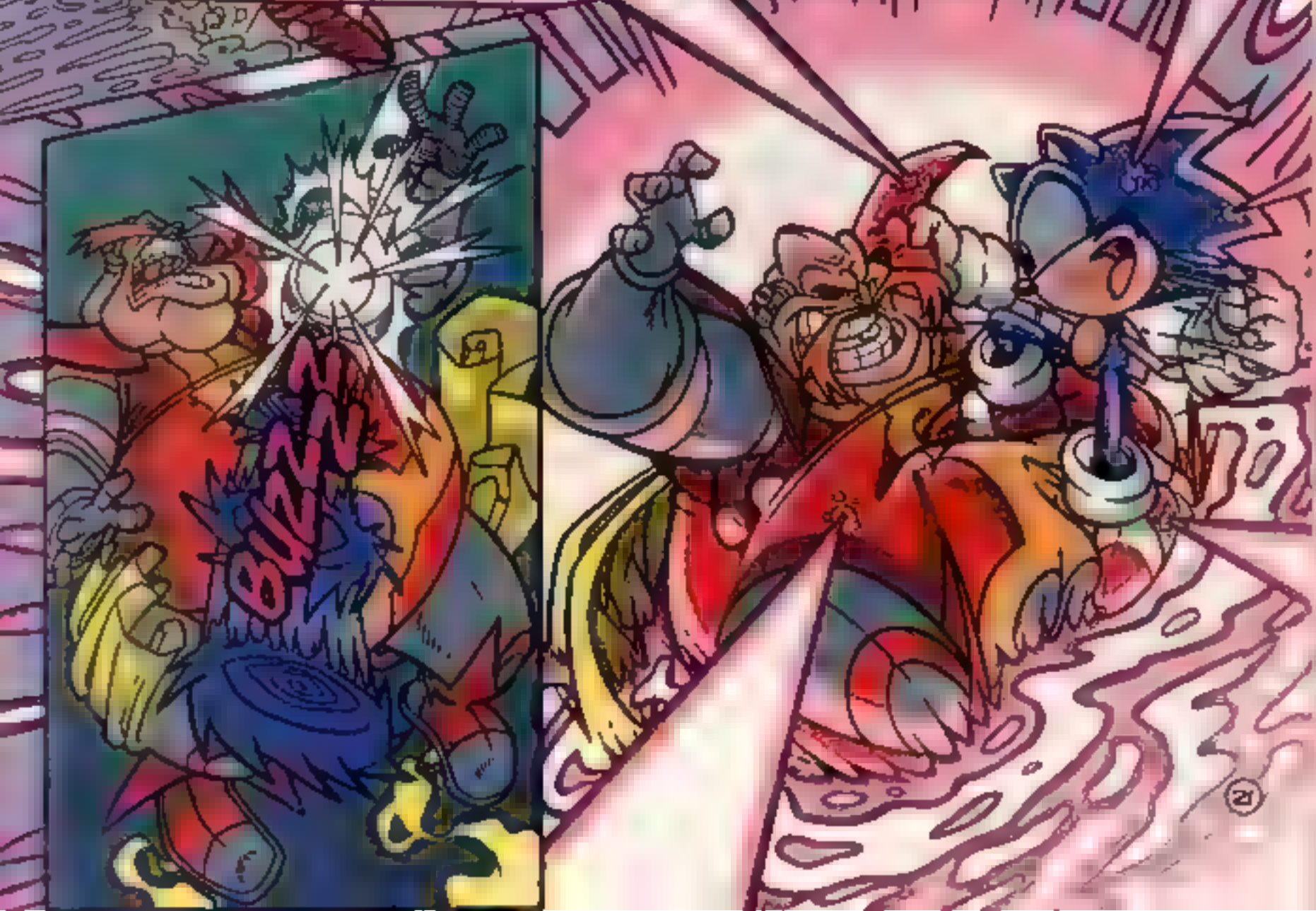
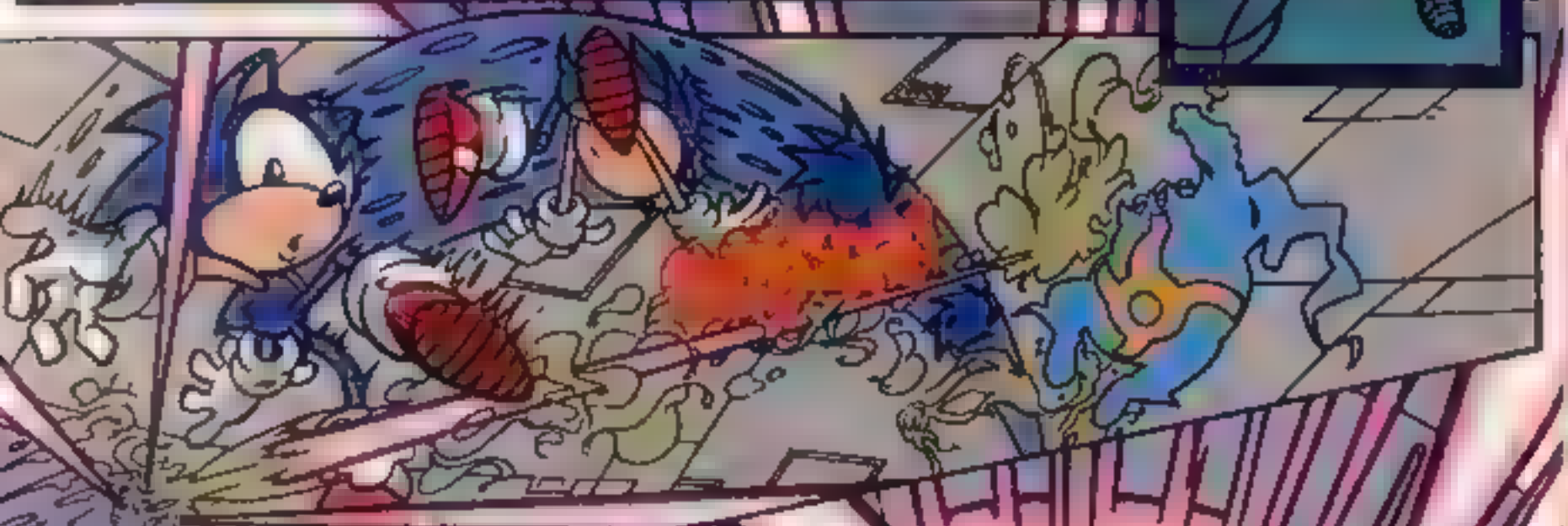
OH HOW
I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG...

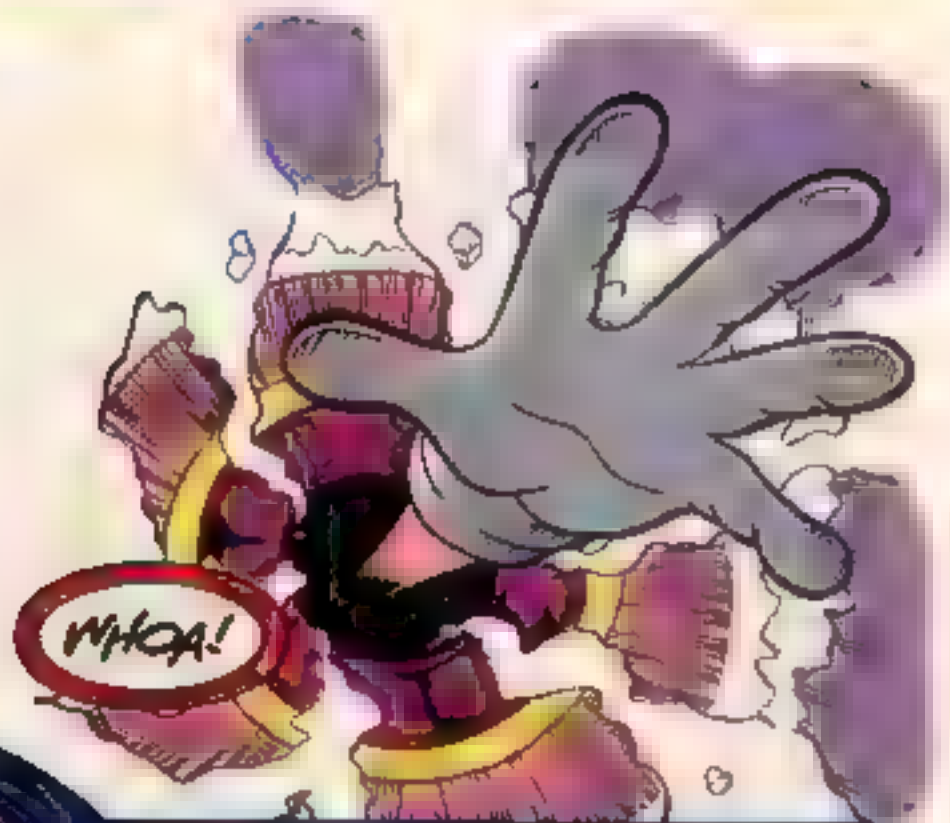
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS
OF THEIR IMPENDING
DOOM, AT THIS POINT,
BOTH COMBATANTS FEEL
THEY HAVE NOTHING
LEFT TO LOSE...

AFTER YEARS OF
EXCHANGING INSULTS
AND VOWS OF PER-
SONAL DESTRUCTION,
ALL IS SAID AND DONE.

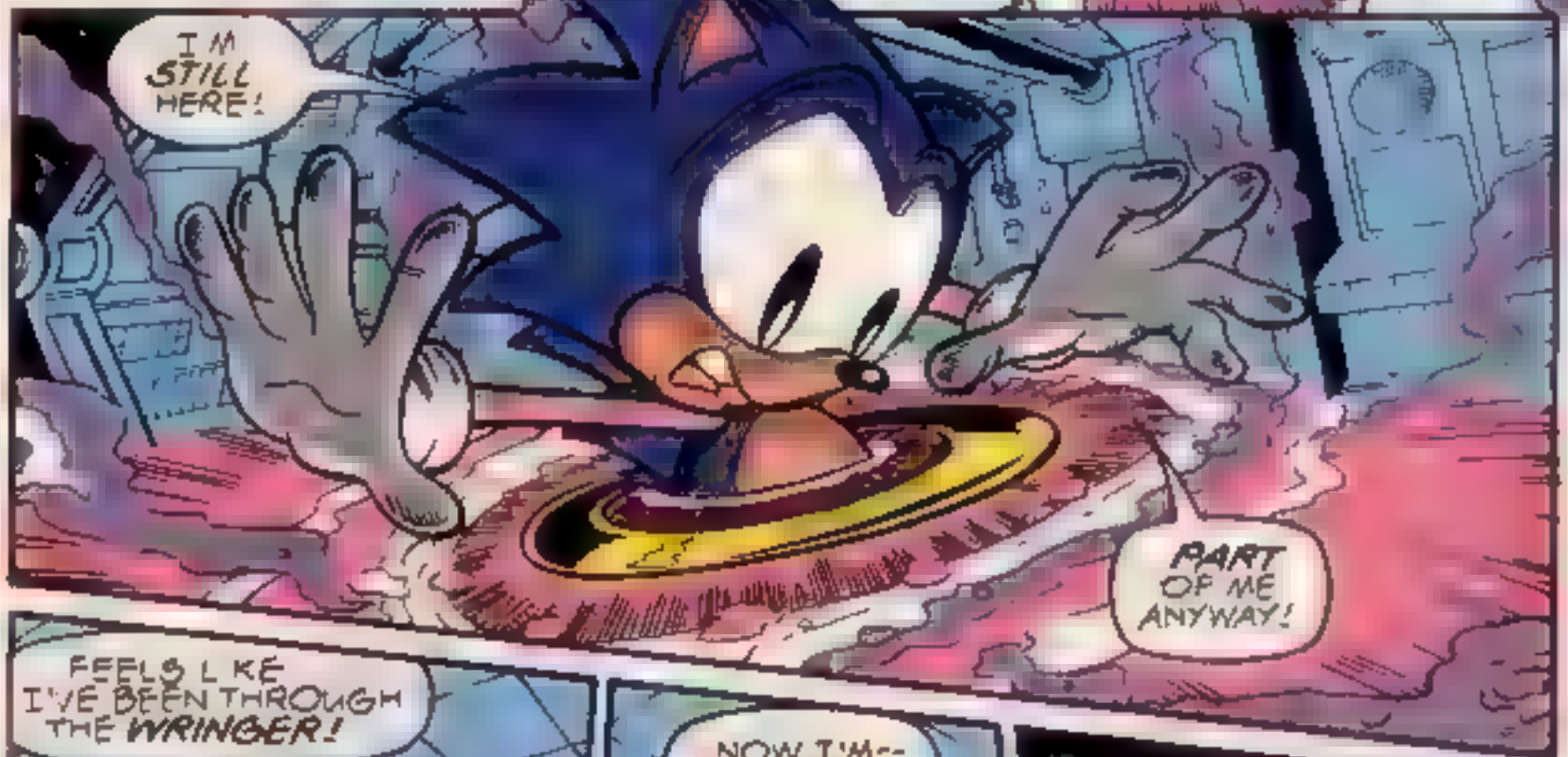
THE ONLY
RECOURSE
LEFT IS...





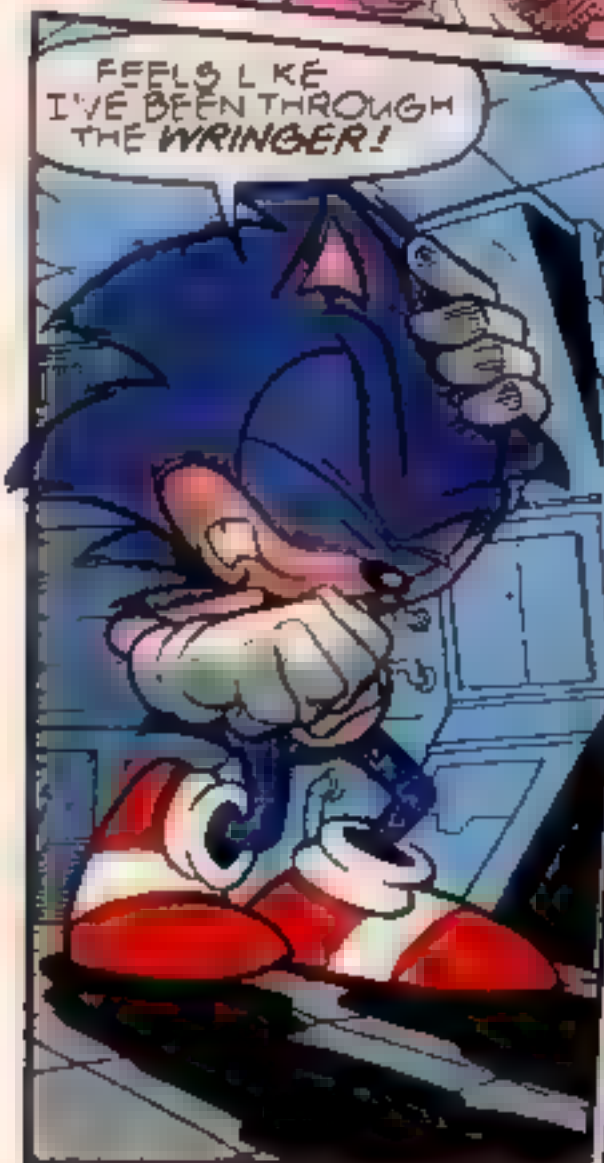


WHOA!



I'M STILL HERE!

PART OF ME ANYWAY!

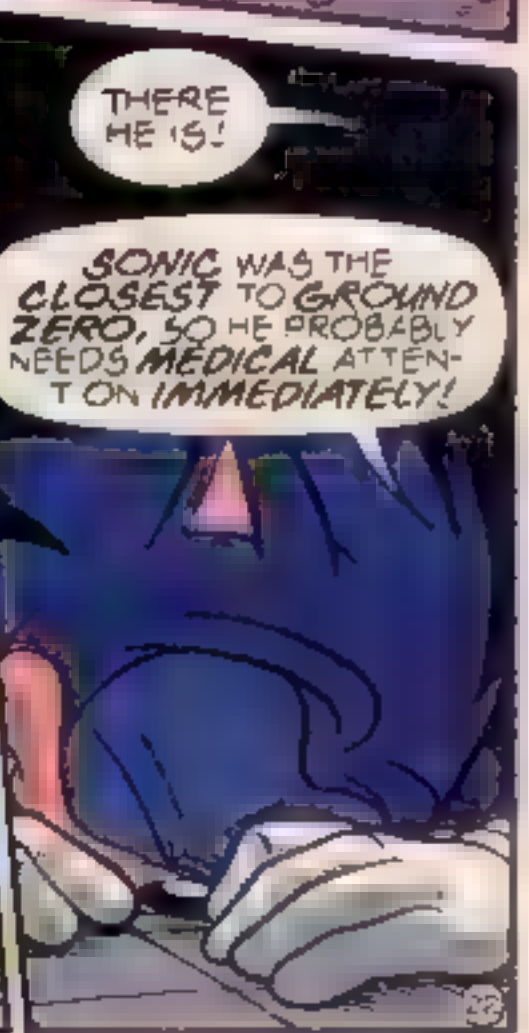


FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER!



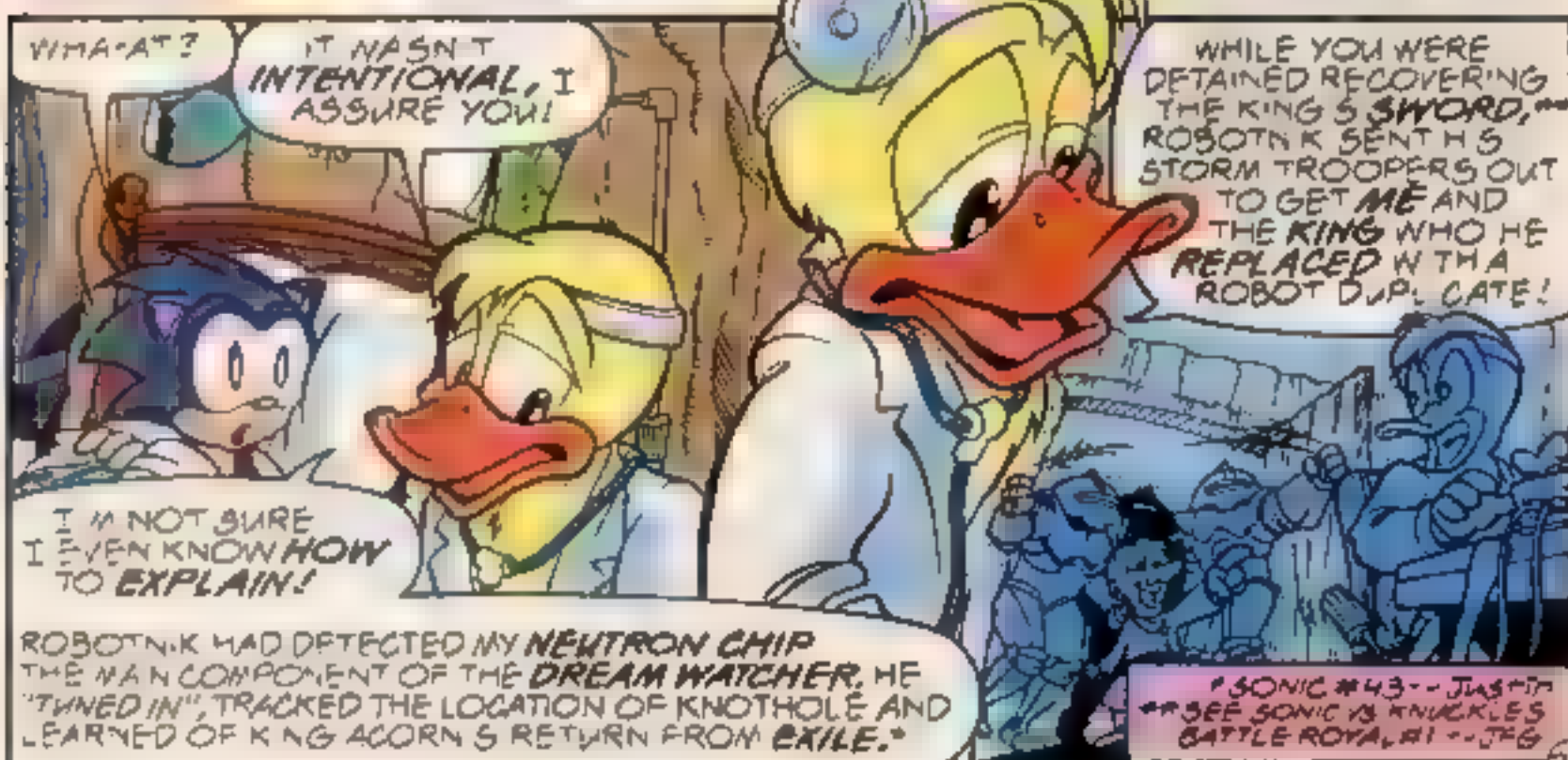
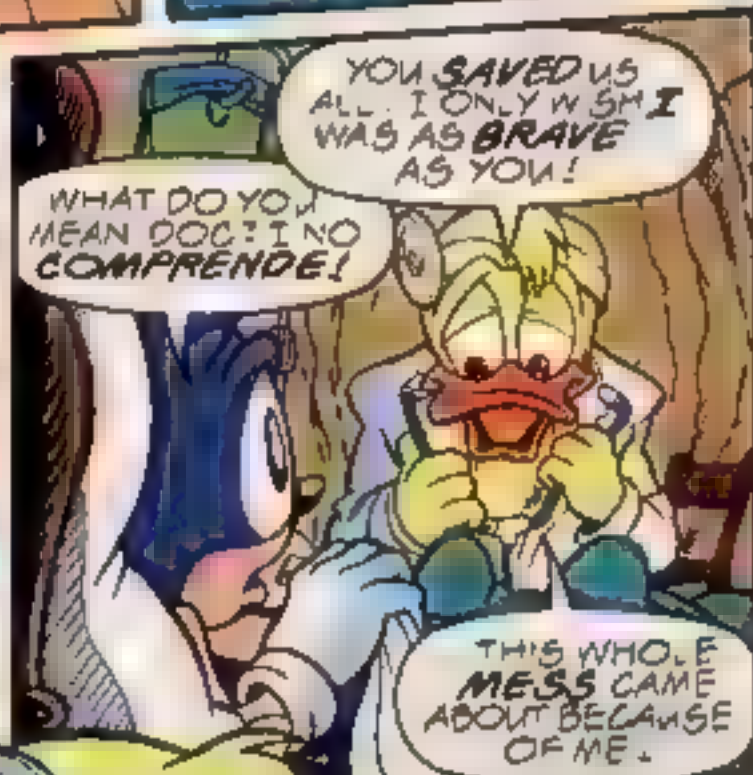
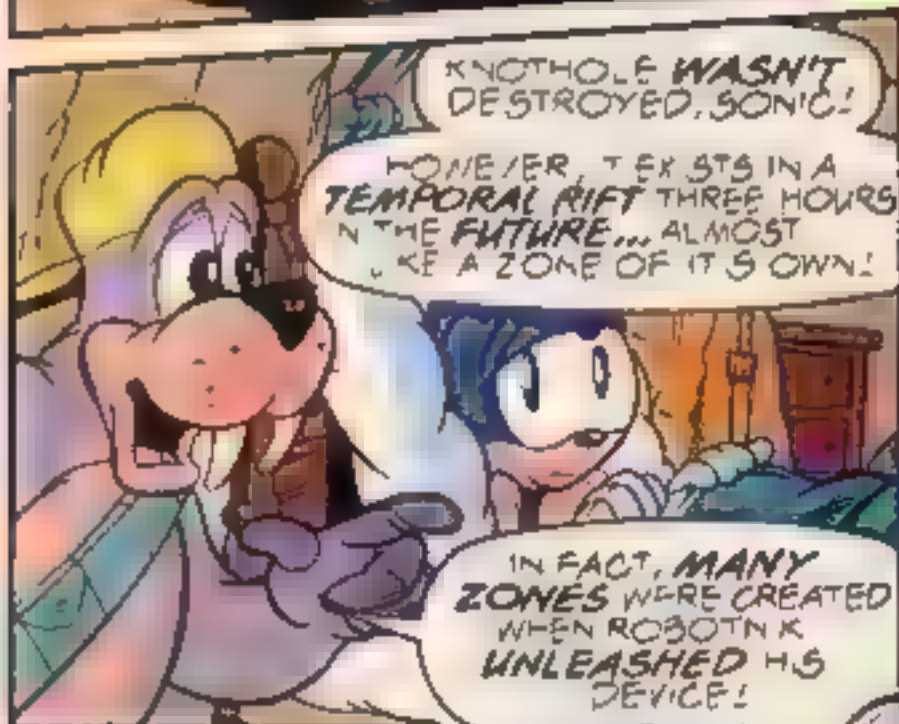
NOW I'M-- SO TIRED-- SO

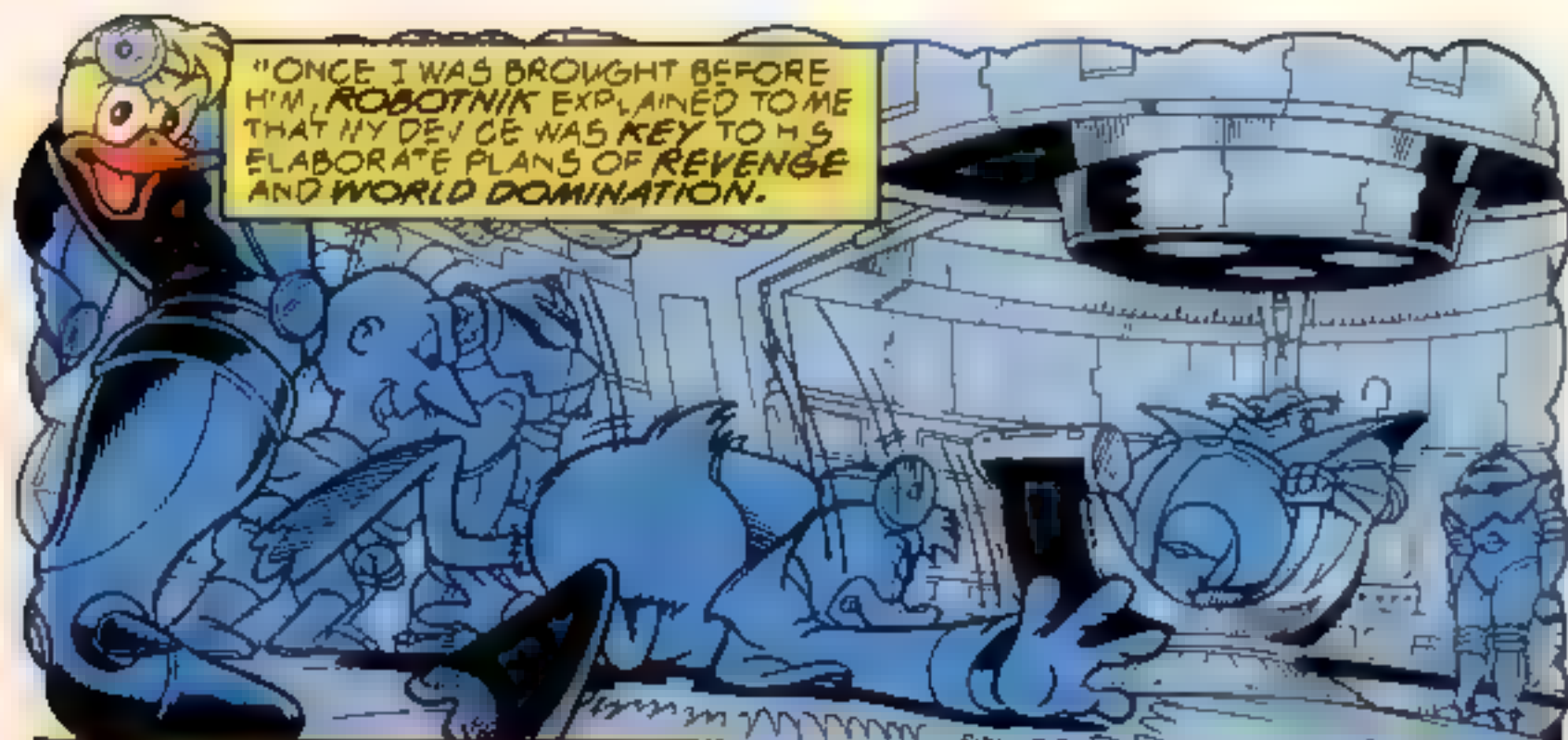
--TIRED...



THERE HE IS!

SONIC WAS THE CLOSEST TO GROUND ZERO, SO HE PROBABLY NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!

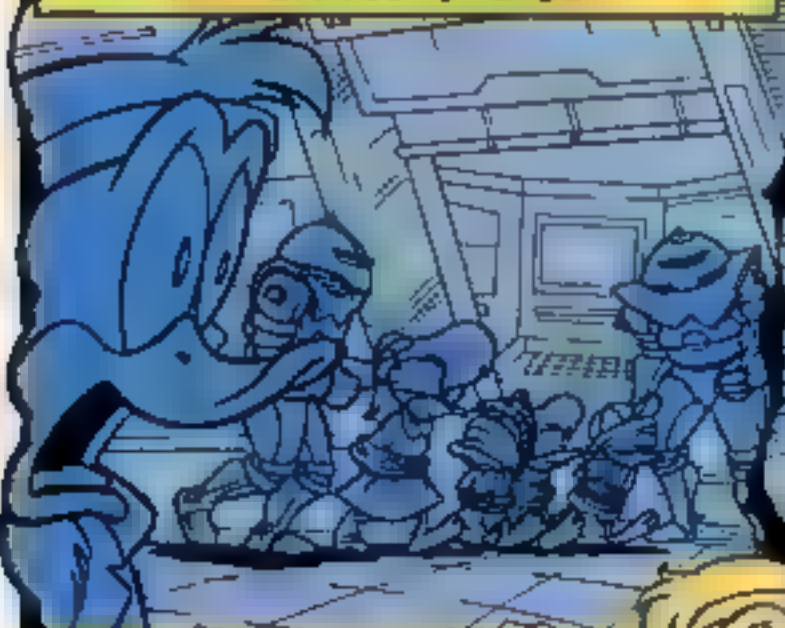




"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF REVENGE AND WORLD DOMINATION.

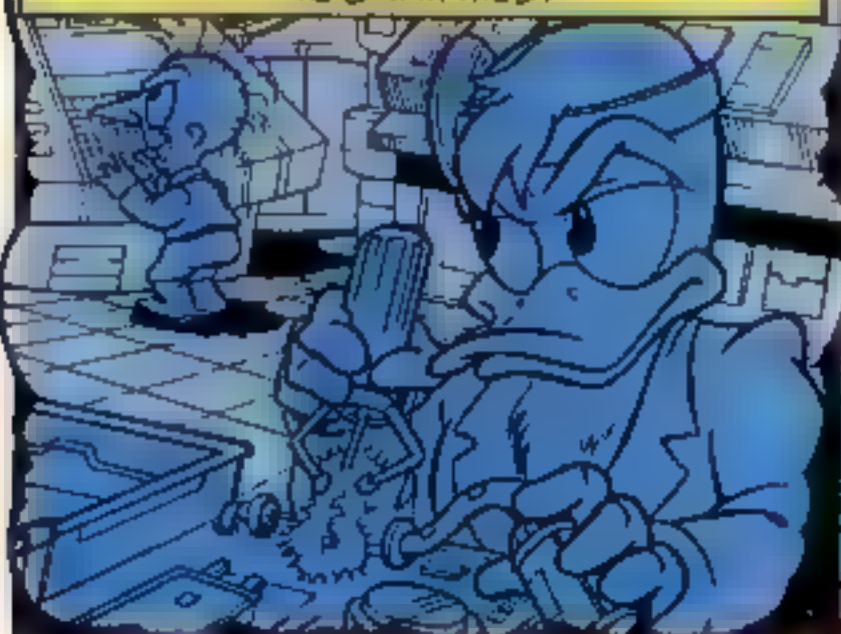
"AT FIRST I REFUSED TO HELP BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE

"SINCE HE WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT INTERFERE, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S** GREED AND LUST FOR THE EASY LIFE

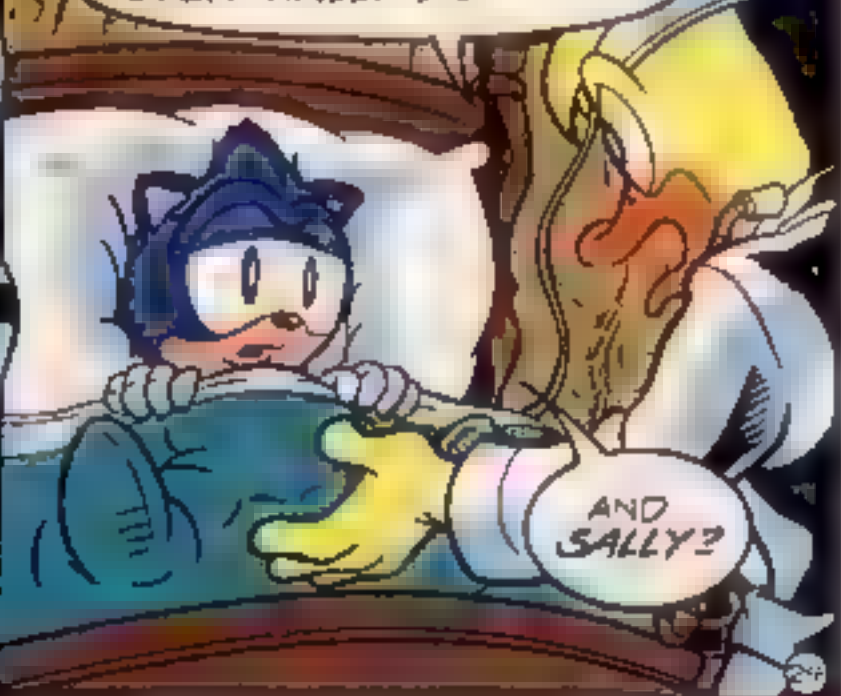


IN TURN **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE FALL GI--ER--BAIT!

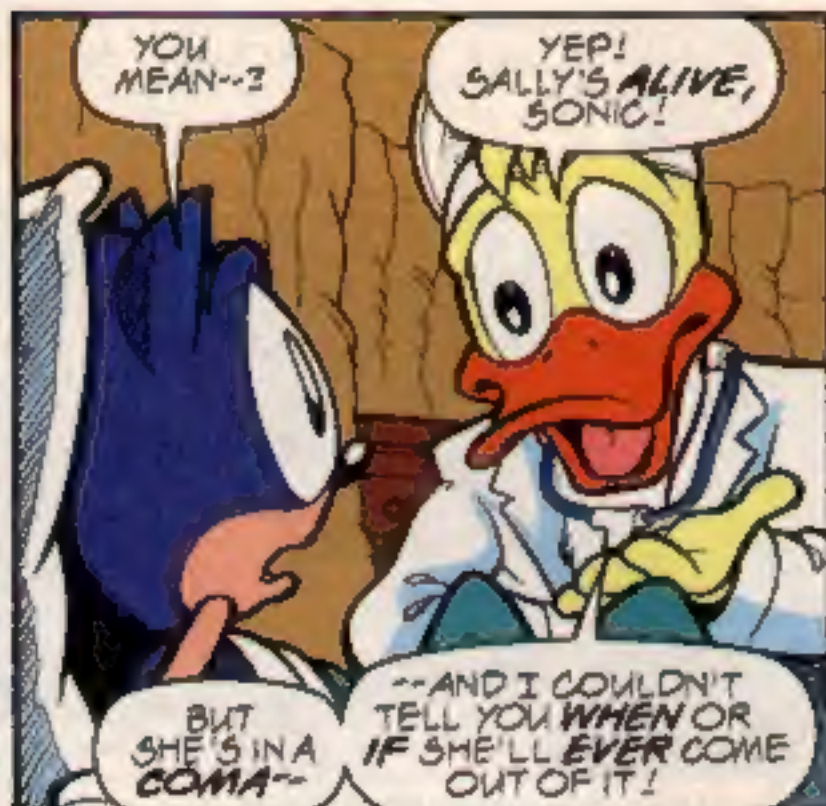
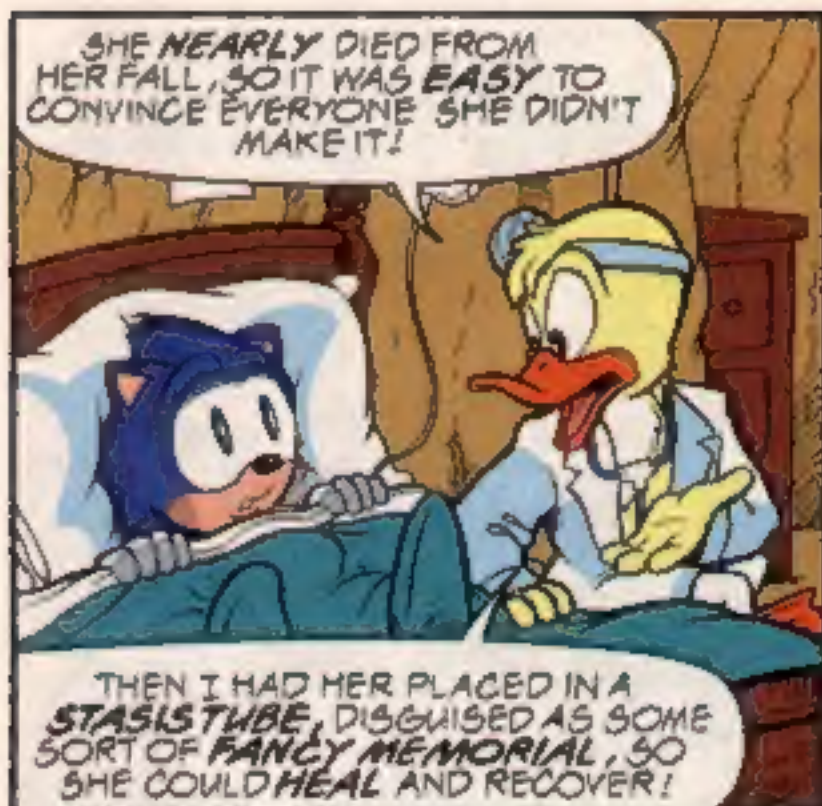
"WHAT **ROBOTNIK** ALSO DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD OTHER PLANS, I NOTICED HE ALTERED THE **NEUTRON ERADICATOR** TO AFFECT ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED.

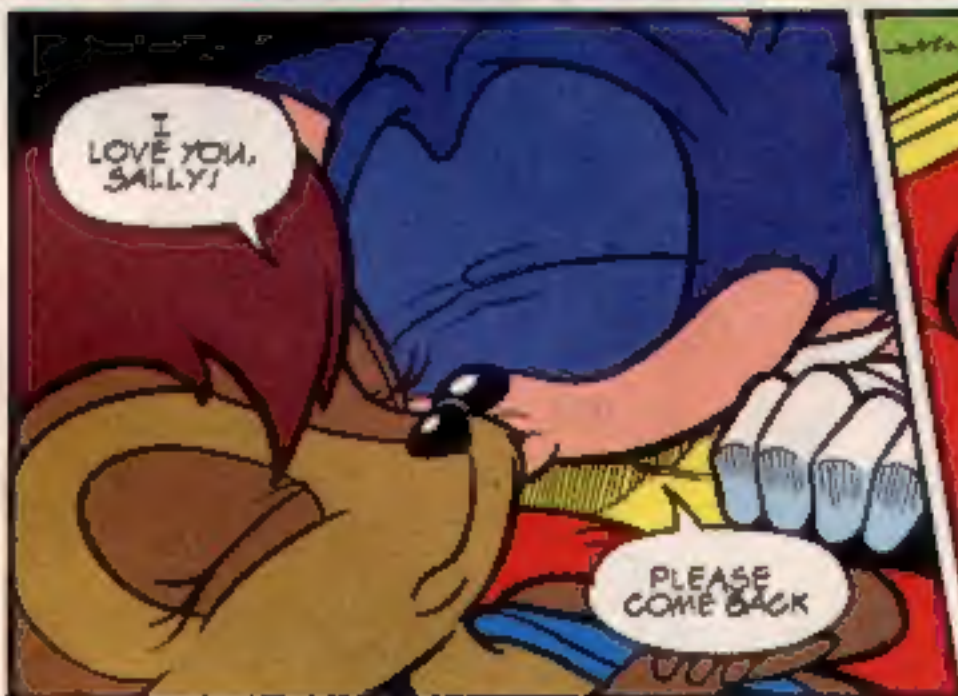


SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT QUIET AND PRAYED EVENTS WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY EVENTUALLY DID!



AND SALLY?





I SAID--

I'M JUST
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-
GIVEN FOR BEING
DRAGO'S DUPE,
SHE'S NOW A MODEL
CITIZEN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE
CHILDREN ARE DOING
FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE
DEVIL'S GULAG. SOMETHING
ABOUT A GOLD DAY IN A WARM
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER
DAY!

WELCOME ONE AND ALL TO OUR TOTALLY AWESOME FIFTIETH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

Sonic The Hedgehog has been running for twenty-five issues since his last celebration (and he thought the first twenty-five were tough) and here we are looking to see Sonic run fifty more. I think he's hedgehog enough to do it! Don't you?

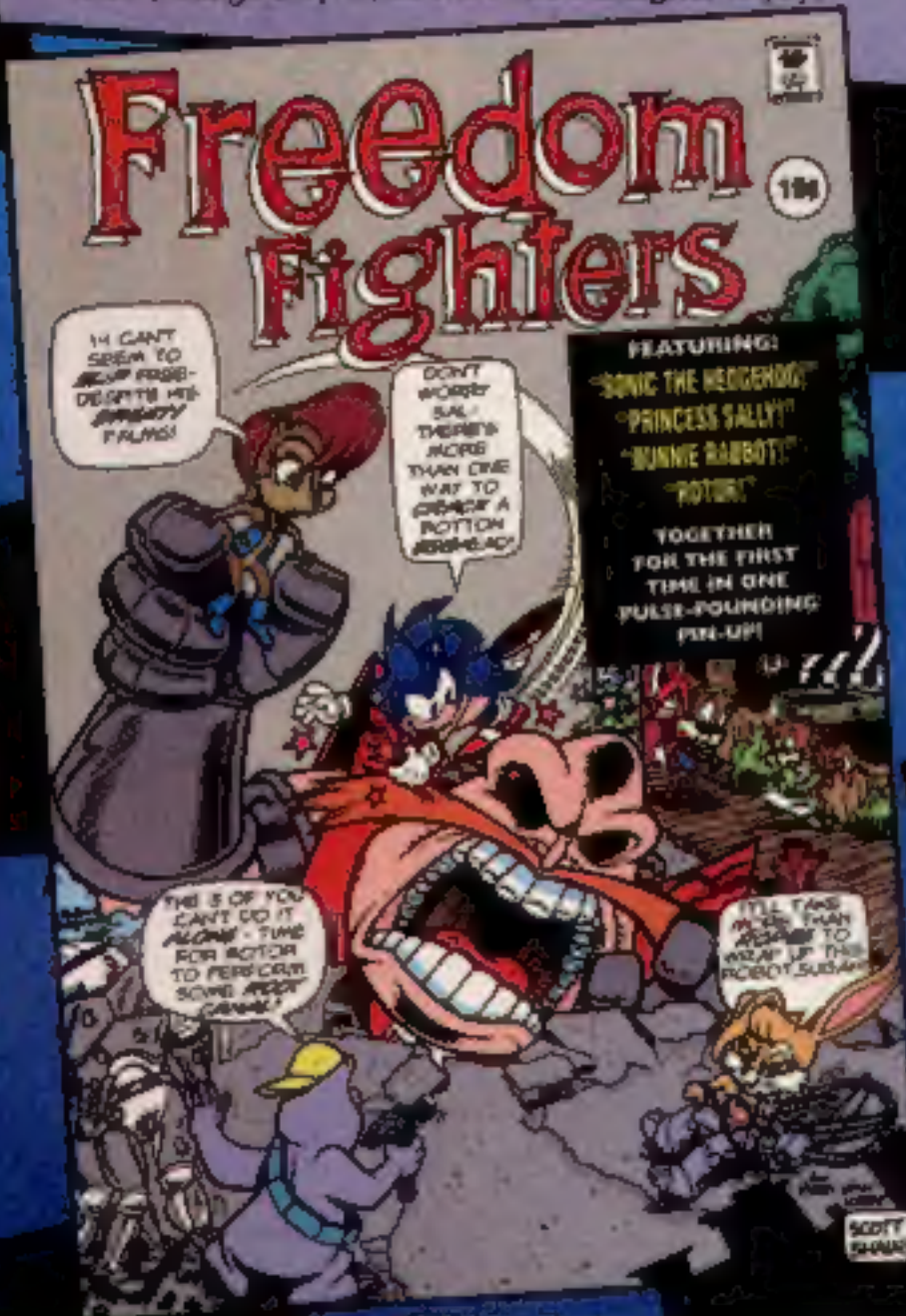
Guiding the adventures of our favorite blue hedgehog has been as exciting as a runaway roller coaster ride!!! Hopefully, it's been just as much fun for you to read it as it was for us to create it. Speaking of which, I'd like to thank all the Sonic writers and artists who have participated in creating the last fifty issues. I'd also like to thank our contacts Susan Suarez and Cynthia Wilkes at Sega of America and Helen Ball at Strategy Licensing. Special thanks goes to our intern Alaina Guglielmo for all her help.

Sonic and all The Freedom Fighters would like to dedicate this issue to you and all of Sonic fandom for your support! None of this could have been done without it!

THE SONIC

P.S.: Look for Sonic writer/artist Ken Penders at the San Diego Comic Con, July 17-20!

As part of the "festivities," below is a pin-up by Sonic's first comic book artist, Scott Shaw! with dialogue by our own Paul Castiglia. Enjoy!



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